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Beaminster mourns community stalwart

TRIBUTES have been paid to pillar of the community, Gil Streets MBE, who died on Monday (November 27th) aged 82.

People have taken to social media to express their sympathies over the death of Mr Streets, who has been described as an 'inspiration' and 'truly selfless member of the community'.

Gil, whose real name is Frederick Gilbert Streets, was born in a small village in the Lincolnshire Wolds in 1934.

He studied metallurgy at Imperial College, London, before meeting his wife Ngaire whilst working in Newcastle. They went on to have two children, Judith and Marcus, and two grandchildren, Mathilda and Gabriel.

Gil moved to Beaminster with his wife in 1988 with the idea of early retirement and has been involved with many community events, including the construction and lighting of a number of beacons to celebrate royal events, the 'picnic in the park' to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and the 2016 Christmas lights festival.

He was a former governor of Beaminster School and Parrett and Axe Primary School, a town, district and county councillor, a member of the museum committee and most recently chairman of the Phoenix Beaminster Youth Club.

Paula Buxton, who he worked alongside at the youth club, said: "Gil was instrumental in the survival of a youth club in Beaminster following the closure of the youth service. Without his determination we would not have been able to keep going.

"For over 20 years he supported my passion for keeping a place for young people alive in Beaminster and I hope that everyone will rally round to continue to support us all to keep the club going in his name."

Gil was awarded an MBE for Services to Industrial Relations whilst working in Gibraltar and this year was the worthy recipient of 'Honorary Townsperson' from Beaminster Town Council.

Town councillors held a minute's silence for Gil at their meeting on Monday.

Cllr Chris Turner, chairman of Beaminster Town Council, said: "He was a friend to many who would help anybody and he touched so many lives."

Cllr Rebecca Knox, county councillor for Beaminster, also paid tribute to a "true friend".

Gil has asked for a letter he wrote while in hospital to be shared.

It reads: "I am a patient currently being nursed in a comfortable armchair in the ICU at DCH. I am wired to lots of high tech machines. I came in 48 hours ago to be helped to leave this world.

"I am privileged to watch a wonderful team of dedicated young people, some 60 years younger than me.

"They came to work today to earn a living – small as it will be – they have been here 12 hours and have not stopped work all day. They have cared for me and many other patients.

"About one hour ago they had to prepare for one patient to leave for another ward and a new patient to arrive.

"They have carefully disconnected very many tubes, wires and pipes.

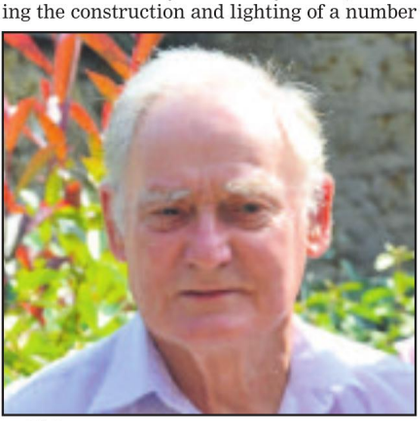
"They have carefully cleaned everything and got the room and computers ready for the next patient.

"Most of them will have stayed over their hours to get the job done. No one has complained about the extra work at the end of the day, everyone has worked as a great team.

"Earlier today, they have done their highly skilled work with a smile. They made my wife very welcome and my children and their partners.

"They are of many nationalities – Dorchester hospital is a great place, the staff are wonderful. This is not 'Casualty' TV, this is what they really do.

"Forty years ago I was awarded an MBE for what I would consider considerably less than these people do every day."


Gil Streets

EIGHT town criers took part in the 30th Stanley Mansbridge Perpetual Trophy Competition for Dorset town criers last week. Dorchester crier Alistair Chisholm was the overall winner with Beaminster's David Craner coming third. *See page 3 for full report*

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Ambulance staff say service at Christmas will 'be a disaster'

SOUTH Western Ambulance Service's (SWASFT) chief executive, Ken Wenman, is urging GMB the Union to talk to the trust following an open letter from staff calling for his resignation.

In the letter, staff who are members of GMB apologise to families, friends and the community for not getting to patients on time due to an over-stretched service, feeling unsupported by SWASFT and ultimately calling on Mr Wenman to quit.

The group say they are "struggling to maintain a crumbling service deliberately being underfunded by the government and made worse when those over pressured resources and stressed staff are then badly managed".

GMB the Union, which is supporting the staff, say that the trust is failing to address major issues and the toll from not doing so is having an enormous effect upon increasing numbers of staff.

Spokesman Gary Palmer warned of fears that the extra calls for ambulances which are expected to come from the new flu epidemic will compound the demand for A&E caused by Christmas drinkers and bring the already hard-pressed 999 service crashing down.

"Ambulance staff in the South West are absolutely petrified that the service is on the point of collapse and any additional external factors could push us over the tipping point this Christmas," he said.

"We could see an absolute disaster on our hands".

He continued: "Although we are unfortunately regularly being contacted by members and concerned staff over any number of growing issues at SWAST, we felt this recent letter on behalf of a group of GMB members particularly summoned up the general despair and frustration many staff currently feel from working within a service and role they love.

"The trust are failing to address major issues and the toll from not doing so is having an enormous effect upon increasing numbers of staff, as they consider whether they wish to remain within this particular ambulance service or not.

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■ South West Ambulance chief executive Ken Wenman - staff have called for his resignation

ous issues and the effect they have upon many front line ambulance professionals within its own organisation and the patients they ultimate serve, means that Mr Wenman has clearly not only lost touch or interest with his employees and the service, but has now also lost their respect as well.

"It is time for the chief executive to stand down and for any replacement to be clear on wanting to do more to protect and support the trust's most valuable resource; its own staff."

However, Mr Wenman said that they recognise the pressures and are working to improve these.

He said: "Our staff are the most valuable asset. We simply cannot provide the critical care to our patients without them.

"We absolutely recognise the pressure that they are under and we are working hard with them and with Unison, the recognised union, to improve resource levels, to improve our response to patients and to improve the health and wellbeing of our staff."

Mr Wenman added: "We are proud of the way that we work closely with all union representatives on behalf of our staff, including GMB, and so it is disappointing that these comments have gone to the media, rather than to us here at the trust, especially given the meetings that we have recently hosted with GMB representatives where such concerns could have been raised.

"We would urge the GMB to re-engage and talk to us directly."

Tony Fox, chairman of SWASFT, said there was always more to be done.

He said: "Along with the rest of the NHS, ambulance services across the country are experiencing significant pressure.

"So it was particularly pleasing that in the last national staff survey, SWASFT had the best results across all ambulance trusts in the country for their engagement with staff, for the health and wellbeing of staff and for the resources available.

"We accept that there is always more to be done and we will continue to work closely with our colleagues and listen and respond to their needs.

Tony added: "I would like to say thank you to all our people for the excellent job they do in difficult circumstances."

The letter in full

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes when you see an ambulance attending an incident what it might be like to work for the South Western Ambulance service? Although we love what we do, behind the professional facade we portray to the public we are struggling to maintain a crumbling service deliberately being underfunded by the Government and made worse when those over pressured resources and stressed staff are then badly managed locally.

If you're unfortunate enough to have to call us, please remember that although we will potentially often be the Deliverer of the First High Quality Care you receive in an accident or illness, we are not only not classified as an Emergency Service by the government but not appreciated or cared for by our employer.

We, as ambulance professionals, are trying to change that. Our Union, GMB, are trying to change that, but our employer and our Chief Executive are ignoring both our complaints and calls for change, so in order to explain to our families, friends and the public and even our employer SWAST we send out our heartfelt apologies:

To the public

We're sorry for not getting to you or your loved ones quick enough because there are just not enough of us or we are called out to answer non-emergency calls.

We're sorry for the patient and family members that have been left on the floor for hours as a consequence of not getting to you on time.

We're sorry when you remain in the ambulance or in the hospital corridor for hours when we are stacked at A&E's because we can't complete our hand over.

We're sorry that our employer is so poor in managing their resources that they are potentially putting your family at risk.

We're sorry you sometimes feel the need to verbally abuse or physically threaten us while we treat your family and friends.

We're sorry it appears that SWAST deployments and performance targets are more important than patient care.

We're sorry if we arrive at your emergency at the end of a 12 hour shift and possible overrun if we are so tired we potentially fear making a wrong clinical decision.

To our family and friends

We're sorry for not being able to be there when you as family and friends need us.

We're sorry for missing yet another family occasion.

We're sorry we are refused annual leave when we want it meaning no family holiday once again.

We're sorry yet another overrun has meant we are late home again.

We're sorry kids that we couldn't tuck you in and read you a story at bedtime.

We're sorry for being so tired or stressed when we do finally get home.

We're sorry for the occasions you'll see us angry, frustrated, unhappy and sad.

We're sorry when we witness yet another colleague's relationship fail.

To SWAST

We're sorry for feeling unsupported by you, our employer.

We're sorry when we are stretched ever more thinly across a greater area of deployment that we don't hit your targets for reaching critically ill patients in time.

We're sorry for being sick in an environment and workplace that doesn't allow it.

We're sorry for what must be our annoying constant requests for annual leave and you having to take the time to respond and refuse them.

We're sorry for our claims of PTSD.

We're sorry for appearing ungrateful that your recent rota review has in fact destroyed our work life balance even more beyond acceptable limits.

We're sorry for the inconvenience when injuries at work happen.

We're sorry if we appear concerned that we will not reach retirement age as a result of physical or psychological injury.

We're sorry for not agreeing with the Chief Executive, and his team's 'my way or the highway' attitude towards us as staff.

And finally in closing: We're sorry for saying sorry, time and time again to all of you because nothing ever changes.

We're sorry for having to write this.

We're sorry for asking, but it's time for everyone to support our call for the Chief Executive to stand down.

Dorset is much safer after success of gun amnesty

Dorset is a much safer place after a gun amnesty launched by county police has collected an arsenal of dangerous weapons.

More than 100 firearms have been handed in at police stations during the two-week "gun surrender" drive.

Dorset Police is urging anyone in possession of illegal or unregistered firearms and ammunition to continue to make use of its firearms surrender, which runs until midnight tonight [Sunday Nov 26].

"Firearms ranging from BB guns, pistols and revolvers have been handed in to designated police stations across Dorset since the surrender began," said a police spokesman.

"Results from the first week of the surrender were: 47 air weapons, 21 shotguns, eight revolvers, nine pistols, 15 imitation firearms, four deactivated firearms and almost 50 surrenders of ammunition.

Plans to close South Street to cars scrapped

Lottie Welch
Reporter | lottie@viewnews.co.uk

BRIDPORT town councillors have agreed not to pursue a trial closure of the top of South Street following their town centre consultation.

The possible three-month closure was proposed to determine the effects of pedestrianisation from Gundry Lane to the town hall, but 69 per cent of residents, business owners and visitors that completed the consultation questionnaire voted against the closure.

Councillors have agreed not to make an application to Dorset County Council for a trial closure.

Members of Bridport Business Chamber and the Keep South Street Open have been lobbying against the closure and welcomed the decision.

Hannah Newman of Bridport Business Chamber said: "We welcome the opportunity to discuss new proposals and continuing to improve and support our unique town centre.

"The chamber would like to suggest a formal cross-sector working group is now established.

"Bridport Business feel strong and effective communication links between the town council and commercial businesses in Bridport will be key to the positive development in the town centre.

"With a working group in place, the town will step further forward to a shared and integrated vision for the future."

However, resident Mike Farmer, who was in favour of a trial closure, said it seemed "counter intuitive to deny a trial at least", which he suggested could be very short.

He said: "Fair do's if 69 per cent of Bridport really don't want a pleasant environment for people to shop in, the removal of traffic from the town centre.

"Town centres are not for traffic, they are for people and I feel it is a bit rich to deny us a trial, which doesn't have to be for so long."

Many objections were raised to the town council's consultation, with some questioning why the council were proposing the pedestrianisation of part of the road.

Cllr Anne Rickard said: "I would like to feel you trust this town council. We have only done what we have been asked to do.

"We have put up a suggestion to the people that came to us and asked for their views.

"Some of us think it is a good idea, some of us think it is a bad idea, but we let you make that decision and come forward."

Cllr Dave Rickard also said he was a little disappointed.

He said: "This came out of a result of hundreds and hundreds of people who have contacted us and talked to us in the street and said, 'wouldn't it be great if we could hear and listen to the music and shop without having lorries going up and down and belching out fumes'.

"Given that there had been a demand to find out what would happen, we realised we would never know what would happen.

"The anti campaign had a whole long list of things that would happen and I can agree that some of those might happen, but until we trialled it, we would never know, and I have to say we probably will never know.

"I hate to think people felt we did this just for a whim.

"What we are trying to do is make the Bridport that everybody is flocking to and where we are winning awards for the best market, best local shop.

"We are going to be victims of our own success and something has got to be done. We need to talk to everybody to find solutions."

Book fest to feature 'soundpools'

VISITORS to Bridport will now be able to hear local and regional authors read from their books on their smartphones as they wander around the town.

Created especially for Bridport Book Fest this Saturday (December 2nd), new media company, SATSYMPH, has created 'soundpools' of eight authors presenting their books at the festival.

These authors have been GPS located and have all recorded short excerpts from their books which SATSYMPH's Ralph Hoyte has placed into soundpools around Bridport that can be discovered with a smartphone.

The eight authors include: Amanda Barber, Maria Donovan, Ralph Hoyte, Christopher Legg, Helen Mathews, Andy Miller, Angela Mills and Roz Morris.

To find the soundpools and listen to the excerpts, visitors will have to download a free app to their phone and then follow the instructions.

The soundpools are linked up to make a 'book trail', which will be available for three months, with the phone showing people how to complete it.

The trail starts at the tennis courts near the bus station, goes down to Palmers Brewery before winding back up the River Asker to St Mary's Church, along South Street and East Street and up Coneygar Hill.

Bridport Book Fest takes place at Bridport Arts Centre from 10am to 2pm as a fundraiser for Children's Hospice South West.

Chris Legg, Bridport Book Fest organiser, said: "This is shaping up to be an exciting and innovative event and it is great that we can take writers' work and bring those locations to life.

"It really is mixing the old with the new and I really hope the people of Bridport get behind this fundraiser for the Children's Hospice South West.

"I would like to thank Ralph and his team for putting this together, Gillinghams IFA and the Bridport Book Shop for their welcome contributions."

To download the app and for more information, visit www.satsymph.co.uk/project-and-events/Bridport-book-fest

Beaminster's town crier takes third place in annual county competition

■ Beaminster town crier was awarded joint third place
Photo by TIM RUSS

BEAMINSTER town crier, David Craner, has been awarded third place in this year's town crier competition in Bridport.

Bridport town crier, John Collingwood, had the pleasure of hosting the 30th Stanley Mansbridge Perpetual Trophy Competition for Dorset town criers earlier this month, with Bridport hosting its first crying competition since 1938.

In total, eight criers competed to be named the best in the county by performing cries about Bridport and rope.

Each town crier was judged on diction, volume and interpretation as well as prizes for the best dressed crier.

Mr Collingwood said: "We had good support from the public, despite being held on a day when most market traders had decided not to venture out because of the bad forecast.

"Weather turned out to be kind to us and cries were performed in the Borough Gardens and Bucky Doo Square after Bridport's mayor, Cllr Anne Rickard, opened proceedings in the town hall.

"David Wathen from Gillingham – winner in 1998 and 2000 – was unable to attend due to car trouble and others couldn't make it as the event was midweek.

"The judges gave Alistair Chisholm (Dorchester town crier) his seventh win, followed by Andrew Flemming of Swanage, with Iain Mitchell (West Moors) and David Craner (Beaminster) joint third.

"A great time was had by all."

Allotment society AGM

MEMBERS of the Bridport and District Allotment Society will be holding their winter meeting on Thursday, December 7th at Mountfield council offices from 7pm.

The guest speaker will be Nick Gray of Dorset Wildlife Trust, who will talk about plant pollination.

All members and their guests are invited to the event, which includes a free raffle and refreshments.

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Death Notices

WALLIS JENNIFER ANN (Jenny)

Passed away suddenly on 19th November 2017 Funeral Service at Hawkinge Crematorium, Kent on Tuesday 5th December at 12 noon. There will be a memorial gathering at The Royal Lion Hotel, Lyme Regis on Thursday 7th December at 2pm. All Welcome.
Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o W.J Farrier & Son, Folkestone or left at memorial gathering.

TRUEMAN Margaret (nee Vass)

Peacefully after an illness bravely borne, on Wednesday 22nd November 2017, at her home in Lyme Regis, aged 84 years. Wife of the late Bob Trueman, a much loved mum to David, Andrew & Pat, Dawn & Steve, dearly loved nan to Alistair & Isobel. Funeral service to be held at Lyme Regis Baptist Church on FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER AT 11.30AM, followed by interment in Lyme Regis Cemetery. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to Marie Curie Nurses C/O J F Clarke & Son, Lyme Road, Axminster, EX13 5BE or at the service.

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Love from Mum, Dad and all the family xx

Daddy Tom and Mummy Jordan
Thank you for my new baby sister Lexie!
Love Skylar xxx

To Granny and Grandad.
Congratulations on your 60th Wedding Anniversary!
Thanks for all your support. Lots of love xREGx (and Buddy)
Happy Anniversary

Bill & Gina
Congratulations on your diamond anniversary. Janet, Graham, Veronica, Bren, Tel, David & Jane

happy ANNIVERSARY

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary
Granny & Grandad
Love Sis & George xxx

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy 16th Birthday
Dance like no one's watching, sing like no one's listening and love as much as we love you, from Mum, Dad & Toby

Granny and Grandad
Congratulations on your diamond anniversary on 30th November.
Love from Bert, Daina, Katie & Ryan

Happy diamond anniversary
Mum & Dad
on 30th November.
Lots of love Frances & Tony xx

Family Announcement Form will return in next week's paper!
Email: announcements@viewnews.co.uk

Colfox student delivers speech to 1,000 people

SIR John Colfox Academy student, Ellie Taylor, spoke to more than 1,000 people about achieving the PiXL Edge Master standard earlier this month.

The Edge provides a framework to enable schools to develop and capture the student attitudes, attributes and skills which are so important for employment and life beyond school.

Colfox is a leading PiXL (Partners In Excellence) Edge Academy – embedding the programme throughout the Minerva Learning Trust from key stage one to key stage five – and Ellie joined the PiXL conference to outline the programme that encourages students to develop personal and employability skills, including leadership, communication, organisation, initiative and resilience.

'Masters' is a level three qualification and the most challenging of all three levels, which include apprentice and graduate levels.

The PiXL Edge is designed to recognise all the incredible things young people do both in and out of school and should help them stand out to future employers.

Ellie started off by outlining why she chose to complete the Edge Masters alongside her A-levels.

She said: "I feel it is a place which values the importance of academic achievement but, more importantly, focuses on creating people.

"The Edge conforms to this ideology in its entirety; the skills of leadership, communication, initiative, organisation and resilience are what make up your everyday life, and achievements in these fields should be celebrated.

"That is why I chose to do the Edge."

The masters level allows pupils, if they wish, to specialise in a specific area that they would like to continue with at university or future employment.

Ellie would like to be a drama teacher in the future and her activities are all linked to working with other people both inside and outside the academy.

Ellie added: "My activities for the Edge mainly focus around the performing arts.

"I have been running a drama club for students for nearly a year now, have both taken on roles and been a student leader for the school play while also performing in principal roles with local theatre productions and helped co-run the school choir.

"These are things that I absolutely love doing, but the way in which the Edge programme celebrates this and challenges you to approach it differently and evaluate your actions, allows so much personal growth and a critical perspective."

Ellie was commanded for her presentation and is looking forward to the final stage of the masters level which involves an interview to a panel, including the NCFE who are the awarding body.

■ Colfox student Ellie Taylor spoke to more than 1,000 people about the PiXL Edge Master programme she is currently undertaking

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Record turnout for makers' market

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A RECORD number of people were welcomed to this year's Eype Makers' Market when it returned to Highlands End Holiday Park in Eype on November 19th.

Dozens of local makers and traders showcased their arts and crafts at the annual fair.

Pauline Bale, one of the event's organisers, said: "We had a fantastic turnout for Eype Makers' Market.

"Record numbers came along to support us on a lovely sunny November day and the newly refurbished function rooms looked stunning.

"The stall holders and visitors were all very happy with the new layout – it is always a juggle to keep everyone happy!

"The makers showcased their lovely wares as beautiful displays and created a wonderful festive market atmosphere.

"Comments and feedback from visitors have been excellent – very friendly and such lovely quality and variety – that is what we aim for!

"We are very grateful to the Cox family at Highlands for providing the venue and the staff who are so helpful and welcoming.

"It was a very successful year for our charities too – a profit of nearly £500 has been split between St Peter's Church, Eype, and the excellent Wallbridge Trust, and the raffle raised £960 for Motor Neurone West Dorset, which is a fantastic total.

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Last year's Christmas tree on Harbour Green
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West Bay lights up on Sunday

EVERYONE is invited to join in with West Bay Days' annual Christmas Tree on the Green celebrations this Sunday (December 3rd).

The event will start at 3pm in St John's Church with carols accompanied by the St Swithun's Band before moving onto Harbour Green where there will be more music and carols around the tree; the tree lighting ceremony follows at 4.15pm.

Free hot drinks, mulled wine and seasonal refreshments will be provided and Harbourside Carnival Club will be bringing their Christmas float along to add to the festivities.

The event is run in association with Churches Together in Bridport and the Christmas tree will light up Harbour Green throughout December.

This is West Bay Days' last event of 2017 and the group is already planning its 2018 programme, which will again support four local charities and groups within a five mile radius of West Bay.

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Antiques Roadshow expert in Chideock

MEMBERS of Chideock Society are holding a 'Behind The Scenes at the Antiques Roadshow' event with expert Paul Atterbury.

He will talk about the many amusing events surrounding the making of the popular BBC programme, the people behind the scenes and the mix of the general public.

Mr Atterbury's expertise includes ceramics, architecture, railways, canals, sculpture, design and the decorative arts, particularly of the 19th and 20th century and, more recently, important events of World War One.

The event will take place on Tuesday, December 12th at Chideock Village Hall at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets are available at Chideock Central Stores and The Book Shop on South Street, Bridport.

Members cost £8 and non-members cost £10, which will include mulled wine and seasonal treats. There will also be a Christmas raffle.

■ Paul Atterbury

Big support for refuge fundraiser

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MORE than 100 people came out to support the Friends of Dorset Women's Refuge cabaret evening at Bridport Arts Centre.

The group were delighted by the turnout of around 120 people who wanted to find out more about the new women's refuge in West Dorset.

Cllr Anne Rickard, Mayor of Bridport, said: "I am so happy to see so many people supporting such an important organisation.

"The Friends of the Dorset Women's Refuge, who are supported by the town council, are to be appreciated for giving their time, love and enthusiasm to this important cause."

Presents for residents of the refuge were also collected during the evening, which included a range of gifts for the children and women.

Gill Smith, chairman of the Friends of Dorset Women's Refuge, said: "I am overwhelmed by the kindness of the people of Bridport and the surrounding area, the variety of imaginative gifts – the generosity of their donations is wonderful."

A total of £588 was also raised in donations on the evening, which also aimed to raise peoples' awareness of the work of You First and Kate Bielec, service manager at Dorset You First Domestic Violence and Abuse Service, who gave a short talk about their work.

She said: "The Friends of the Refuge have exceeded our expectations; their support since they formed has been tremendous and raising £588 and giving me the opportunity to let so many people know about our work was just wonderful."

She added: "I am grateful for the warmth of the welcome my team and I have experienced in West Dorset and am encouraged to know that the people present will make the residents feel included in the life of the town."

Laura Cockett, Bridport Arts Centre director, said: "One way we at the arts centre will be adding to the welcome is offering free tickets to our shows to residents of the refuge. We have family entertainment, children's shows as well as films, plays and music we are happy to invite them to."

Entertainment was given by Crème Brulee, a new band led by Denise Buchanan and formed specially for the evening, who played songs about love and loss, regret and intimacy, and ended with Carole King's 'You've Got a Friend'.

Cartoon Action Theatre performed a new play written by Lucy Goodison, who took Punch and Judy and gave it a contemporary alternative twist, with the inner voices of Punch and Judy being acted out by the puppeteers.

As well as this, Dot Wolf, aged 13, raised £210 for the refuge selling Christmas cards she had designed, with more money to come when she sells more at future events.

■ New band Crème Brulee was formed specially for the event

■ The cast of Punch and Judy at the Friends of Dorset Women's Refuge event

Increase in bus fares

FARES changes across First Bus services have come into force.

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Great service at town's food and drink outlets rewarded

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FRONT of house heroes and residents' favourite venues were recognised at the annual Bridport Local Food Group's Front of House Awards, the body behind Bridport Food Festival.

The presentation takes place at the organisation's AGM, which welcomed nearly 100 people to Bridport Town Hall.

The awards were sponsored by Baboo Gelato – with the prizes being given out by managing director Sam Hanbury – and compared by Bill Davis.

The winners and finalists were:

CAFÉ

- Team award – Citrus Grove Café at Groves Nurseries;
- Winner – Mike Reid of Green Yard Café;
- Runner-up – Claire Harvey of Moore Than Tea;

TAKE AWAY

- Team award – Longs Fish and Chips;
- Winner – Sue Rattenbury of Longs Fish and Chips;
- Runner-up – Charlotte King of Refresh;

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- Team award – Beach and Barnicott;
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PUBLIC HOUSE

- Team award – The Ropemakers;
- Winner – Geraldine Le Moing of The George Hotel, South Street;
- Runner-up – Simone Freeman of New Inn, Shipton Gorge.

FOOD & DRINK RETAIL

- Team award – Frampton's Butchers;
- Winner – Angie Denman of Fruit 'N' Two Veg in Beaminster.

Incoming chairman Kathy Dare, who takes over from Jay Anderson after two years as chairman, said: "Over 500 nominations from 39 different establishments around the town were received from the general public.

"Praise indeed for the standard of service that had been given during visits to our local food and drink establishments.

"Everyone nominated and the business they represent should be very proud."

Before the new committee was announced and Mr Anderson stood down as chairman, Peter Garlick, who remains as treasurer, gave a report on the accounts of the food festival – which takes place in June each year – and said it was the first year he has been a part of the committee they have suffered a loss.

He said: "We had another successful year, a record number through the gate.

"Food and drink was a bit down this year, which I think was due to the organisation, but hopefully next year we will get a few more stalls slotted around in places.

"Overall, we were about £800 under this year, it is the first year since I have been doing it, which is about 11 years now, that we haven't actually taken more in than we have given out, but as you all know everything seems to be going up in price.

"We are hoping that if we do raise the gate admission, it will only be around 50p per person but that will be discussed later."

Mr Anderson also gave a report on this year's Bridport Food Festival, which takes place alongside Bridport Round Table's beer festival.

He said: "Both the food festival and the Round Table beer festival attracted record crowds and sales.

"We changed the site layout this year to give more space in the centre of the field and had an extended food and drink marquee.

"Also a few new additions to the festival – a 'teen zone' for older children and teenagers, a cookery book swap and buy stall and a dedicated picnic area.

"The cookery book stall was very successful and raised £126 for Bridport Youth Centre.

"The food and drink marquee was extended into one long tent this year, which gave a more airy feel and was preferred by traders and visitors.

"The number of traders was down on the previous years due to two late cancellations.

"However, we hope to be back to normal levels next year."

Mr Anderson also reported that Caroline Meredith, who runs the tea tent, will step down this year and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers from the committee.

He also told the audience about the new Bridport Community Cooking Kit the group has bought, which will be loaned free to schools and local groups who do not have the equipment for cookery demonstrations.

Mr Anderson said: "We also hope to be able to partially fund the cost of hiring a chef or cook to be involved with running some events.

"The main aim of setting up this kit is to help create an interest in food and cooking and give many people an opportunity to learn some new skills.

"Now we have this cooking kit, we will occasionally need to top up the fund to add or replace equipment and this will hopefully be achieved by various activities, such as raffles, but we would welcome any donations or businesses to support it."

The committee are also looking for more members and helpers and financial support from sponsors.

Mr Anderson added: "We urgently need both of these – securing sponsorship continues to get more challenging every year and members of our group, often after many years of volunteering, do not have the time or energy to continue.

"We do not aim to make a profit but just cover costs and make a contingency fund in case we have to cancel the festival for an unforeseen reason.

"We have enjoyed the loyal support of several businesses and companies over the years, but we are always looking for new sponsors and members."

To find out more about the group and for contact details, visit www.bridportfoodfestival.co.uk

■ The annual Front of House awards took place at this year's Bridport Local Food Group AGM, where a range of individuals and businesses were praised and recognised for their customer service

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■ TEN-year-old Charlie Goodrick is going to 'Brave the Shave' for "everyone who has been affected by cancer".

The brave boy will take on the challenge for Macmillan Cancer Support, just days before his 11th birthday, at Designer's Edge hair studio in Bridport on Friday (December 1st) at 6pm.

Charlie's mum Jodie Goodrick said: "Charlie has always been a very thoughtful, giving child.

"I can remember when we were on a family camping trip when he was much younger, he decided to share out his packet of animal biscuits with everybody, leaving him with only one for himself.

"So when he asked us if he could 'Brave the Shave' for Macmillan Cancer Support, it wasn't much of a surprise.

"My granddad – Charlie's great-granddad – was unfortunately lost to us this year.

"In the last moments of his life, it was a Macmillan nurse who was extremely supportive to him.

"She was remarkable and incredibly in touch with how he was feeling and was accessible to us even after his passing – you never felt alone.

"Charlie's granny – who is a huge part of our lives, picking Charlie up from school every day – had lived with breast cancer, and Charlie is very aware of that.

"When we spoke about who he wanted to dedicate his

'shave' to, he seemed quite coy and said that there was not just one person, that he wanted to dedicate it to everyone who has been affected by cancer.

"I know as a family we are incredibly proud of Charlie for what he is doing to raise money, which will bring care and support into people's lives in their time of need.

"However, I don't think he even realises what an inspiration he is, as this is him. This is Charlie."

To donate visit https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/charlie-goodrick

Roz's charity auction raises more than £1,200

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MORE than £1,200 has been raised for local cancer support group, The Living Tree, by avid fundraiser Roz Copson.

Roz, who lives in West Bay, organised an auction in aid of the charity, with friends and businesses helping to donate more than 50 lots.

The auction took place at The Ropemakers earlier this month with help from Anthony Trevett, Richard Payne-Withers of Bridport Antiques, Mike Dark of The Auction House and Nigel Standring, who collected the money on the night. Thanks also go to Maria Newman for organising the raffle.

So far, £1,215 has been raised, with some money still to come.

The auction exceeded Roz's expectations who had aimed to raise £350.

Roz said: "It started as a small idea but with the generosity and support from Geraldine and John (landlords of The Ropemakers) and staff, businesses and friends, it wouldn't have happened.

"Thank you to everyone who helped and had any part of it."

Roz already has her next fundraiser in mind, which will likely take place next year.

■ The auction received help from Anthony Trevett (right) and Mike Dark (third left) of The Auction House and, *inset*, organiser Roz Copson (second left) pictured with (left to right) Richard Payne-Withers of Bridport Antiques, Bridport mayor Cllr Anne Rickard and her escort Cllr Dave Rickard

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The evening of December 1st will be an opportunity for Christmas shoppers to find gifts as all participating artists will be opening between 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

Those taking part include: David and Kim Squirrell at Squirrell Bindery and Press; signwriter and artist Jemma Thompson and painter Mike Thompson; creative photographer Sally Davies, portrait painter Elizabeth Sporne and photographer Neil Barnes at Studio in the Attic; milliner Fiona Neylan and artist Daniel Higgins in Studio 48; and ceramicist Jennie Hanrahan in the Green Shack Pottery.

Most of the studios will also be open during the Friday and Saturday daytimes, with visitors very welcome.

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DORSET Police wants to make residents aware of a computer scam.

Many reports have been made from residents across Dorset stating that people claiming to be from BT Openreach are asking for remote access to computers to 'make checks' on things like connection speed, routers and security software.

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People are being urged not to engage with these people and terminate the call.

Symondsbury school gets crafty for Christmas

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SYMONDSBURY Primary School could be mistaken for Santa's workshop this month as pupils are hard at work producing a wide range of festive crafts to go on sale in the run up to Christmas.

Each class is busy preparing its own set of seasonal gifts and decorations to sell while members of the after school arts club are also making a range of cards and other delights, with the help of parent volunteers.

Items will first go on sale at the popular Christmas fair, organised by the Friends of Symondsbury Primary School, held this year on Friday, December 1st from 5pm to 7.30pm.

As well as a whole range of stalls and activities, there will be hot refreshments, home-baked cakes and a special visitor that will take up residence in the school's grotto.

The highlight of the fair will be the grand Christmas raffle with the top prize of £100 cash and a meal for two being donated by Beach and Barnicott bar and restaurant.

Other prizes have been donated by The Ilchester Arms, The Cornish bakery, Steptoes, Penny Yarnold swimming lessons and Rockburn.

Children will also be selling their crafts at the Symondsbury Estate Christmas Market on December 2nd, where the school choir will also be singing carols.

Proceeds from the Christmas activities are used by the Friends to support a range of school activities, including school trips, new equipment and, this year, to go towards improvements to the school playground.

Emma Pawley, chairman of the Friends, said: "We are so lucky at Symondsbury to have such a talented bunch of pupils and so many generous and supportive parents, family members and friendly businesses who help to make events like our Christmas fair a success.

"The money we raise is so important in enriching the experience of our pupils and boosting the life of the school, plus these events are such fun and really capture our school's spirit."

Peter Ravenscroft of Beach and Barnicott said: "We are really happy to be supporting Symondsbury school with their raffle this Christmas.

"We believe in the importance in supporting our local community and we wish them all the best – with all those Christmas crafts going on, we are sure they will raise lots of money!"

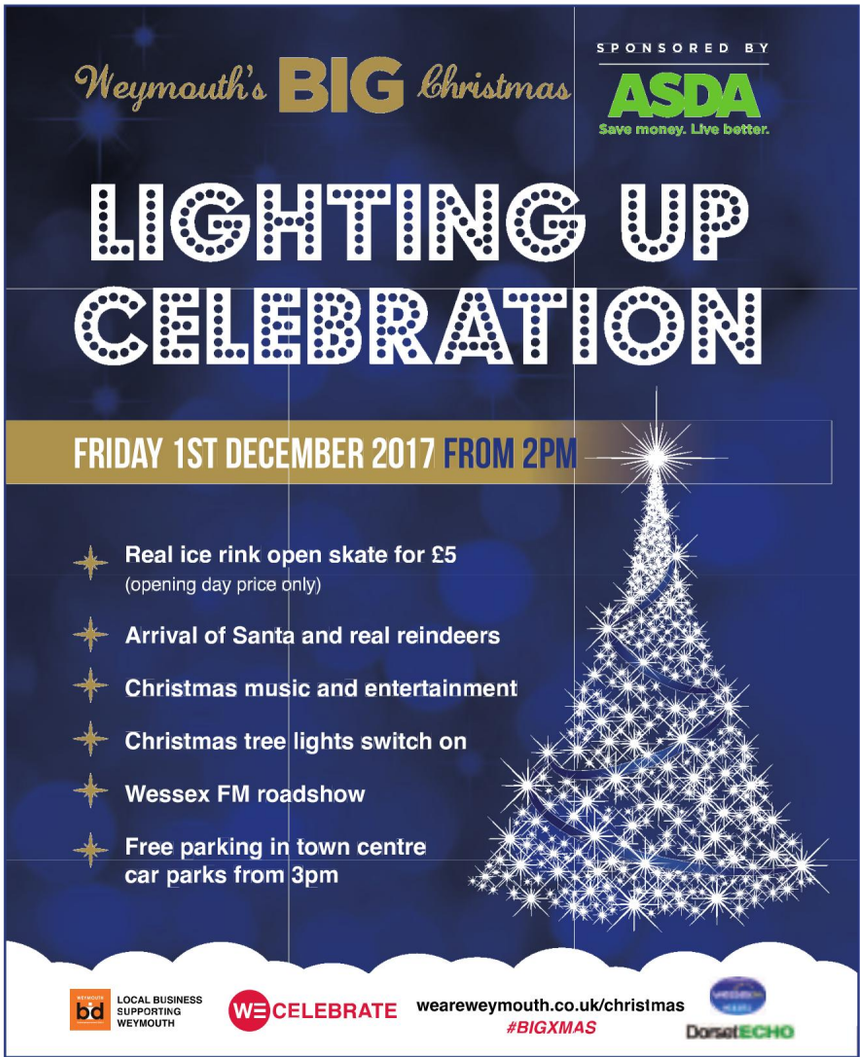
Headteacher Emma Roberts said: "Christmas at Symondsbury school is always a magical time and this year promises to be better than ever.

"The pupils are working so hard to create items for sale and to polish up their various different Christmas performances – I think we are going to have a lot to be proud of before the end of term!

"None of it would be possible without our fabulous staff, the Friends and all of our supporters – so thank you to everyone who is playing a part."

The Christmas fair is open to all on Friday, December 1st and extra parking is available in the Manor Yard car park, courtesy of Symondsbury Estate.

Children at Symondsbury Primary School are busy making things to sell at this Friday's Christmas fair



Christmas in Portland

La Vie spa

Portland's La Vie spa scoops Silver at Dorset Tourism Awards

PORTLAND'S La Vie spa team said they "couldn't be happier" after scooping a silver award at the Dorset Tourism awards.

Cheers rang round the table as it was announced the spa at Maritime Hotel in Southwell had been awarded silver in the Spa and Wellbeing Experience of the Year category. The awards were celebrated at a black-tie event at the Lighthouse Poole and saw businesses from across the region shortlisted for the 25 categories.

Judges said La Vie spa was a "superb wellbeing experience."

The Dorset Tourism Awards celebrate the best of the county's businesses and the La Vie team said they were 'delighted, overjoyed and ecstatic' to receive the award.

Director and Spa Consultant at La Vie spa, Verna Haywood, said she was 'filled with joy and pride.'

She said: "It's just wonderful, I'm shocked and so happy. This award is recognition of how hard myself and the La Vie Team have been working to create a great experience for our clients.

"We pride ourselves on always creating bespoke treatments for each of our clients, and tailoring everything we do to help with the individual's needs. We are constantly investing in training and new techniques to ensure we can offer state-of-the-art beauty and wellness therapies in the heart of Dorset.

"Recent investments include the pioneering Elemis Biotec facial system and our Elemis skin care masterclass events, which have proven to be very popular with customers. We put our heart and soul into everything we do, so to receive this award is just wonderful.

"We would like to thank all our clients for their support over the years and everyone at the Dorset Tourism Awards for a great evening."

The black-tie dinner rounded off a record-breaking year for Dorset Tourism Awards, one that saw more entries than ever before, meaning that judging was closer than ever.

In total, there were 123 entries for the awards, sponsored by Saffery Champness. All the entrants went through a three-stage judging process including looking at the entries and their digital activities, mystery shopper-style visits and then a decision was taken by an independent panel of judges. This year the judges carried out a record 90 visits to businesses, often as mystery visitors. All finalists received either a Gold, Silver or Bronze award on the night.

The awards organisers have said that all the businesses successful in last night's awards will be 'considered for matching categories in the South West Tourism Excellence Awards.' These take place in February, and businesses could even get the chance to go on to represent the county at the National VisitEngland Awards later in 2018.

La Vie spa has great offers currently available for Christmas, so why not treat yourself or a loved one to the gift of relaxation? Book in now via the website (www.laviespa.co.uk,) by calling 01305 826000, or via email info@laviespa.co.uk.

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Elizabeth leads her final village walk

LOCAL resident Elizabeth Gale has led her final walk after more than three decades in her home village of Burton Bradstock.

She has been taking groups on tours of the village, West Bay, Bridport and Abbotsbury, where she has ancestral connections, for more than 35 years.

Fortunate to have a lot of local knowledge of people and places, her walks have been popular and well attended in all weathers. Over the years has been assisted by Marion Wrighton and Rod Jones.

In the year 2000, Burton Bradstock Parish Council organised a special 'millennium week' in the village and Elizabeth was invited to lead a walk with 93 people turning up.

In particular, Elizabeth Gale tells of the sale of the Pitt Rivers Estate in 1958, which involved most of Burton Bradstock and the east side of West Bay.

She published a book on this in 2009 which is one of three of her Burton Bradstock books. The others are called 'Farmers, Fishermen and Flax Spinners' and 'The Dog Tags'.

She said that she decided to end her walks as the recent one was very well attended on the 59th anniversary of her first marriage.

Elizabeth can trace her paternal family back in the village to 1614 and family surnames appear as early as 1323 in tax returns.

Elizabeth will still be available for illustrated talks, in aid of charity, on local places and people, the sale of Burton Bradstock in 1958, growing up in the war, the Melplash Show and the land army.

Port Bredy majorettes' bingo night

MEMBERS of Bridport based majorette troupe, Port Bredy Allstars, are holding a prize bingo night on Friday, December 1st at the Forster Memorial Hall, Higher Street, Bradpole, from 6pm.

The event will help the group raise money for new uniforms for 2018.

Port Bredy Allstars has represented Bridport and the surrounding area since 2014 in Dorset, Devon, Somerset and Jersey and they look forward to expanding the number of places visited in regards to carnivals and displays next year.

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■ THE annual Whitchurch, Morcombelake and Ryall Flower and Dog show has enabled more than £4,800 to be donated to local good causes.

At the show's AGM recently, treasurer Don Newman reported on another successful show in August and committee members agreed to donate £4,850 to local causes.

This included £1,500 to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, £1,000 to Whitchurch Village Hall, £500 to Julia's House, £1,000 to Whitchurch church, £500 to the RNLI, £250 to Pilsdon Community and £100 to Wylde Morris Dancers.

A cheque for £1,586 was presented to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance representative, Leanne Colverson on November 9th at an event held at Whitchurch Village Hall. This included additional money raised from a raffle held on the night. Leanne then gave the attendees a talk on the vital service they provide.

The air ambulance's Leanne is pictured above *(centre)* with show chairman Paul White *(left)* and secretary Caroline House *(right)*.

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Jack knows his planes

■ BEAMINSTER student Jack Raybould has won the under 16 nationals at the Air Cadets Aircraft Recognition competition at RAF Cranwell in Lincolnshire. The cadets had to identify aircraft from pictures shown to them for only two seconds each. Jack had previously won the Devon & Somerset and South West regionals earlier this year to get through to the national finals.

Beaminster School pupils 'stop the clock'

Lottie Welch
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STUDENTS at Beaminster School enjoyed a 'Stop the Clock Day' without the curriculum, exploring what they are learning in more depth.

In March and November, Beaminster School suspends the whole curriculum for a day so that each year group can focus on one particular aspect of their learning, and develop a deeper understanding of the skills and knowledge required and relating to it. These are called Stop the Clock Days.

Three year groups headed out of school on day trips to Cheddar, Bovington and Bristol.

Year Seven students completed geography field work at Cheddar Gorge, looking at the formation of valleys, caves and river erosion.

Bovington Tank Museum was the destination for Year Eight students, providing a greater understanding of how the development of armoured vehicles reflects key events in the 20th century.

The students also really enjoyed using the 'Lego Mindstorm' technology to build and control tank tracks.

Year Nine students had a hands-on day at Bristol Zoo, gaining a wider appreciation of the natural world and developing their understanding of key issues such as biodiversity, conservation, variation and inheritance.

Senior students in Years 10 and 11 were provided with a range of experiences in school, which included workshops with the University of Exeter, dedicated coursework time, team-building skills supported by the army, and some learning and revision skills from the school's partners at Learning Performance.

Headteacher Keith Hales said: "My thanks as always to our wonderful staff for making these days possible.

"They really do provide a great opportunity for students to study and explore things in much greater depth, as well as having a lot of fun in the process."

■ Year Eight students enjoyed a trip to Bovington Tank Museum, particularly using the 'Lego Mindstorm' technology to build and control tank trucks

■ Year Nine students visited Bristol Zoo for a hands-on experience to learn more about biodiversity, conservation, variation and inheritance

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Gary says, "We try to source unusual, quality items to suit all tastes and budgets. Our customers appreciate that we don't have sales. We simply keep our prices as low as possible at all times." If you haven't visited their store by Brewery Square, you really are encouraged to go and see the gorgeous stock and check out the very reasonable prices for yourself.

Gary continues, "our realistic T-rex and Triceratops dinosaur ornaments and amazing quirky and colourful surprise bassets are flying out of the shop. In fact all our gifts from beautiful crystal perfume

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DORCHESTER CHRISTMAS CRACKER
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

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There will be 2 very special guests turning the lights on at 6:30pm outside St Peter's Church. TV's popular Fire and Police pups will take to the stage to press the magic button to illuminate Dorchester and will be available for photographs afterwards.

Santa will be in his Grotto at Dorset County Museum, which will be open from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Entry to the museum will be free and everyone is welcome. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available in the Victorian Hall and the tea room will be open as well. Sci-Fi characters will add an exciting dynamic to the festive atmosphere.

The churches in High West Street will open their doors from 5pm with a carol service in St Peter's and the Rock Choir in Holy Trinity. Both churches will be serving mulled wine and mince pies.

There will be a lantern parade from 6:00pm from Top o' Town Roundabout organised by Dorset Arts with children carrying lanterns made in the "Create a Christmas Lantern" workshop on 3rd December.

The Rock Choir will be giving 2 performances on Dorchester Xmas Cracker night this year.

A 70-strong choir will perform at both 5.15pm – 6pm and then again at 6.45pm – 7.30pm at Holy Trinity RC Church, so there really is no reason to miss out! The concert will also feature the fabulous fiery fiddle playing Nina Garcia and a collection will be taken for LEAF a Dorset based Leukaemia charity.

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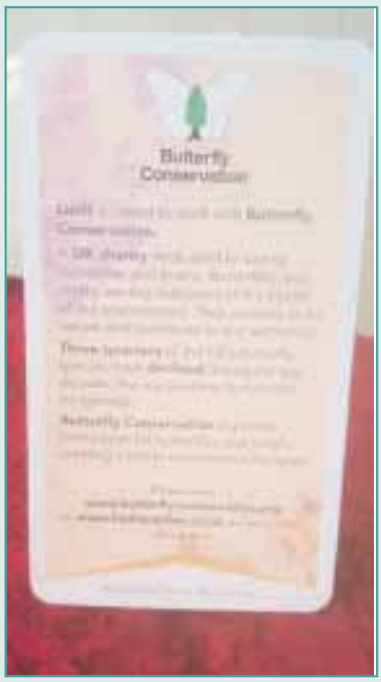

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Charlotte Spracklen, centre manager for Brewery Square, commented: "We are very excited to welcome Somerset Reindeer Ranch to Brewery Square with their reindeer this year. It's the first event of its kind for Brewery Square and we can't wait to see families enjoying the magic of Christmas in the Square."

Joining Santa's reindeers, Brewery Square is delighted to welcome back Skating in the Square, which will be available for families to enjoy, from Saturday November 25 until New Year's Eve. Tickets are £6 and can be booked at skatinginthesquare.co.uk in advance.

For more festive activities, a full list of events can be found via www.brewerysquare.com. The retail offering at Brewery Square includes Woods Furniture, HOBBS, Phase Eight, Jones Bootmaker, Joules and Stolen from Susie. Restaurants include - Zizzi, Carluccio's, Wagamama and Morrish and Banham wine merchant and tasting room.

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Dorchester ARTS

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Kick up your heels as Police Dog Hogan come Dorchester Arts at the Dorchester Corn Exchange on 9 December. Police Dog Hogan are a high-energy and eclectic eight-piece fusing of country, pop, folk and rocking bluegrass.

On Sunday 17 December as we offer up a festive musical treat from one of the UK's leading contemporary string quartets, the Ligeti Quartet. The highlight of the evening is a wonderful adaptation for strings and narrator of A Child's Christmas in Wales, chronicling Dylan Thomas' own childhood memories and remains one of his most popular and loved works.

Once the Dorset schools have broken up, indulge the wannabe Annas, Elsas, Kristoffs or even Olafs in your life with Dorchester Art's Frozen Singalong. What is becoming an annual event, Disney's Frozen will be shown on the big screen once again here at Dorchester's Corn Exchange. A perfect Christmas treat for the whole family to enjoy whatever the weather – but hey...the cold never bothered us anyway...

Just to make sure that you're well and truly in the Christmas spirit, Dorchester Arts closes its Autumn season with The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmassness! A celebration of everything Christmassy, come along and meet a snowman who lives in the fridge, try and spot some naughty elves, hear the tale of the first Christmas Tree, play hunt the Brussel sprout and endure the world's worst Christmas jumper.

Tickets are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk. For some events members of Live for 5 aged 14 – 25 can buy tickets for £5 (see Dorchester Arts website for details).

Mountjoy celebrates Day of the Dead

Lottie Welch
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STUDENTS and staff at Mountjoy School in Beaminster celebrated the Mexican Day of the Dead on November 3rd, with a range of activities.

The celebrations started with the children decorating their classroom doors for a competition that was judged by Daun Tattersall, chairman of governors.

This was followed by hat and spoon decorating and sugar skull biscuit icing to make bright and colourful snacks to eat.

Teaching assistant Davina Pennels said: "The children had great fun; the hats they decorated were really beautiful .They have fantastic imagination.

"It was lovely to see the children getting creative from this extraordinary day."

The children were taught that the Day of the Dead, or Dia de los Muertos, is a Mexican festival where the memories of the dead are celebrated with great fun and happiness.

The Day of the Dead is celebrated in central and southern America as well as in areas of North America, such as California and Texas, where Mexican culture is prevalent.

During the three-day festival, people dress up as skeletons and wear colourful costumes and masks.

The festival begins on October 31st, when it is believed that the gates of heaven are opened and the souls of those who have died are released. Graveyards are filled with photos, gifts, candles, food, incense and flowers.

For lunch, the children had a Mexican feast of chicken and vegetable tortilla, nachos, salsa and guacamole, followed by a pudding of lime cheesecake.

Headteacher Jackie Shanks said: "It is great to understand and experience different cultures and traditions.

"This was a tricky one. Some people found the Day of the Dead celebration difficult but it is great to break boundaries and bring a bit more of the world to our young people.

"My thanks go to Daun Tattersall for giving her time to judge the 'decorate your classroom door' competition, the wonderful Mountjoy staff, all of whom dressed in extraordinary costumes for the day and threw themselves enthusiastically into all the day's events, but most especially to Davina who really brought the whole event to life."

Christmas concert

PARNHAM Voices, the Beaminster based choir, will be performing in St Swithun's Church, Bridport, on Sunday, December 3rd.

The concert, entitled 'Christmas Is Coming', will feature readings and Christmas songs as well as short organ interludes by the choir's musical director, Trevor Barr, head of music at Perrott Hill School.

There will also be sacred works by early composers and a newly commissioned piece by Matthew Coleridge entitled 'Noel: Christmas Eve 1913', with words by Robert Bridges.

The concert takes place from 2.30pm and tickets cost £8, which are available from Bridport Music or on the door.

Following the concert, tea and cake will be served in the church hall.

For more information call 01308 422286.

Museum's festive sale

TO GET people in the festive mood, the team at Beaminster Museum will be holding a Christmas sale and coffee morning on Saturday, December 2nd from 10am to 12noon.

This will be an opportunity to buy gifts from the museum gift shop.

Entrance will cost £2 for adults, which will include coffee and a piece of cake, and £1 for children, which will include a glass of squash and a piece of cake.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Loders School fair

MEMBERS of the Loders School PTFA are holding a Christmas fair on Saturday, December 9th at Loders Village Hall.

There will be a range of stalls, games, refreshments, mulled wine, hand made gifts, a grand raffle and a chance to meet Santa in his sleigh.

All money raised will go towards the Loders School PTFA.

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New chairman for Dorset LEP

DORSET Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Stewart, Chief Executive of Poole Harbour Commissioners, as its new Chair.

The appointment was made by the Dorset LEP Board following the completion of former chairman's Gordon Page's term in office.

Mr Stewart (pictured) was appointed Chief Executive of Poole Harbour Commissioners in 2002 and has been a board member of the British Ports Association (BPA) Council since then.

Mr Stewart has managed shipping companies in the UK and overseas since 1988 after commencing his career as a shipbroker on the Baltic Exchange in the City of London.

In the past six years, he has served as chairmanof BPA, Chair of Maritime UK (representing UK ports and the UK maritime services sector), Chair of UK Port Skills, and Safety and chairman of Access to UK Ports committee. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.

Mr Stewart gained an MBA at the Cass Business School in London and has served as President and council member of Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He has also held a number of non-executive positions, including the Director of Poole Lighthouse Arts Centre.

On his appointment, Mr Stewart, said: "I am both delighted and honoured to have been selected for this important role, particularly during this exciting time with so much growth activity taking place across Dorset, helping to create jobs and strengthen the local economy.

"I am committed to ensuring the success of Dorset's vision for a sustainable, competitive and innovative economy, as well as helping to guide the LEP's work on attracting and retaining high skilled workers and delivering accessible and affordable housing.

"Dorset's sector strengths in finance, advanced engineering, agriculture, tourism and the creative industries has made it an attractive place to do business and I look forward to playing a more pivotal role in helping our private and public sector partners to further realise its economic potential."

Lorna Carver, Dorset LEP Director, said: "Jim is a well-respected business leader and has a very good understanding of the key economic challenges and opportunities that we currently face in Dorset. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our previous chairman Gordon Page for his invaluable strategic leadership and guidance over the last six years and for helping us to achieve some major successes including securing £98.5 million in local growth funding for Dorset and attaining Enterprise Zone status for the new Dorset Innovation Park.

£200,000 for youth projects

DORSET County Council has relaunched its #CrowdfundDorset campaign with a new Innovation Fund of £200,000 for local youth projects in the community, following a successful pilot last year.

The council has once again teamed up with Crowdfunder.co.uk to offer local groups and organisations the opportunity to raise funds for their project online, before applying for a contribution from the council – a cash injection of up to £10,000 – on top of what has already been raised.

Weymouth St Paul's Harriers Long Jump, a project who looked to refurbish its long jump site after relocating the athletics club following years of vandalism and anti-social behaviour, is one project that benefited from the last round of crowdfunding. During the 2016 pilot scheme, the project received a generous £10,000 from the council, totalling an impressive final sum of £16,000.

Call for a more sensitive approach to housing from countryside campaigners

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DORSET countryside campaigners have called for a 'bottom up' approach to local housing – rather than having numbers imposed on areas by Government.

The call came at the annual meeting of the Dorset branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

The meeting welcomed its new chief officer, Crispin Truman, as well as actor Edward Fox, its president, to its 80th anniversary annual general meeting.

Crispin, who led the Churches Conservation Trust before taking on his new role, spoke of the challenges facing the CPRE as it campaigns on many fronts to protect the countryside.

He said that the campaigners should focus on need to protect Green Belts and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) from inappropriate housing developments. He called for "a more bottom-up community-led sensitive approach to housing from government, rather than the current adversarial top-down one". CPRE would also encourage the government to adopt a land-use strategy for England.

He stressed that CPRE will focus in 2018 on fewer but bigger campaigns, with the intention to give a more positive image and concentrate on solutions. One of these will be the drive to provide more affordable rural housing, which the government and developers have failed to achieve.

Richard Nicholls, the Chairman of Dorset CPRE's Trustees, spoke of the problems facing Dorset in particular. He said that the countryside, Green Belts and AONBs are under threat from development while little provision was being made for infrastructure, such as public transport, doctors' surgeries and improved roads. There was far too little affordable housing. He said:" there should be the right housing in the right places, for the right people - in particular young people". He was also very concerned over the loss of subsidies to farmers, resulting from Brexit, with the threat of the industrialisation of farming and the adverse impact on the countryside.

He said that, in essence, Dorset CPRE stands for the same things now as when the branch was opened in 1937 - to retain a beautiful, diverse countryside for the benefit of everyone, wherever they live.

"Dorset has a countryside that can give us the big views, open skies and tranquillity we all require, and also a vibrant, productive countryside which provides good livelihoods and the natural products we will need, like food and fresh water. A great deal has been lost, but Dorset still has a glorious countryside which needs CPRE's care and protection," said Mr Nicholls.

Mr Fox read a selection of poems, including Dorset by John Betjeman , celebrating the county and its countryside.

New chairman Crispin Truman

Richard Nicholls, chairman of the CPRE trustees

President of the Dorset branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, actor Edward Fox

Warning over virus killing pet rabbits

A WEYMOUTH and Dorchester vet is warning rabbit owners to have their pets vaccinated against a disease which has killed at least four rabbits in the area.

Dave Cumber Vets is advising rabbit owners in Dorset to have their pet rabbits vaccinated against a newer strain of Viral Haemorrhagic Diarrhoea – VHD2.

Said Mr Cumber: "Most of our rabbit-owning clients have their pets vaccinated annually with a combined vaccine against Myxomatosis & VHD1. This November we have had four very sick rabbits brought into our Weymouth surgery and sadly all have all died. The cause of death has been established at post mortem to be the VHD2 disease. The standard combined vaccine will not protect your pet against VHD2 and we strongly recommend that all rabbit owners in the area consider having their pets further vaccinated with a specific vaccine against VHD2.

The first confirmed case of VHD2 in Dorset was in Blandford in August this year and these four cases are the first we know of in Weymouth to be confirmed as VHD2."

He says that the disease is highly contagious and can be fatal. Symptoms include rabbits being 'off colour', not eating and listless.

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20,000 new homes by 2033

■ **From left, Rachel Millson (resident at the Symene Community Land Trust in Bridport), Coun Gill Taylor (Weymouth and Portland Borough Council housing briefholder), Dorset Councils Partnership strategic director Stephen Hill, Coun Tim Yarker (West Dorset District Council housing portfolio holder) who is holding the poster, head of planning Hilary Jordan, head of housing Clive Milone, Coun Graham Carr-Jones (North Dorset District Council leader and housing portfolio holder) and Lis Waters (who is on the board of the Symene Community Land Trust)**

LOCAL councils have launched a new campaign to tackle the housing crisis with a target of 20,000 new homes by 2033 in West Dorset, North Dorset and Weymouth and Portland.

North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council aim to seize the initiative with Opening Doors - Building for the Future.

The ambitious programme will include greater action and more intervention at a local level to boost the development of more quality homes of all types - including affordable, open market, private rented and social housing.

Opening Doors - Building for the Future will also include:

- Targeting developers, landowners and housebuilders for more schemes
- Helping more Community Land Trusts use £2m of funding for 'bottom up' affordable housing
- The possibility of a Local Authority Trading Company or joint ventures to build houses and use of council land for homes
- A Home Ownership Register to help people find properties to be launched in the new year
- Consideration of a council-led mortgage scheme
- Events, such as housing fairs
- Closer working with housing associations, developers and land agents
- Interventions to kickstart stalled developments
- Moves to see more schemes with planning permission built
- Applications for Government grants
- Reaching out to SME builders and developers
- Identification of more Brownfield sites with a bespoke register

Greater focus on Self-Build initiatives

- Sensitivity towards the environment, such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

The councils will also actively pursue opportunities from Chancellor Philip Hammond's Budget last week, which included a £44bn funding pledge over next five years.

They have gained Housing Business Ready status from the Housing Finance Institute (HFI) to put expertise in place to work effectively with developers to boost housebuilding.

To reach the 20,000 target, as set out in the Western Dorset Economic Growth Strategy, an average of around 1,176 homes will need to be built every year across the three council areas in total during the period from 2016 to 2033. That is up from an annual average of 737 over the past five years.

Cllr Graham Carr-Jones, NDDC council leader and housing portfolio holder, said: "We are facing major housing shortages with demand outstripping supply.

"Opening Doors is about seizing the initiative and implementing any measures we can at a local level to help play our part in solving the housing crisis."

Dorset's population is set to rise by 14.5 per cent to 884,000 by 2039, according to latest statistics, with an expected 13,200 more jobs needed for the local economy by 2033 in north, south and west Dorset. The average house price in Dorset is £295,202 while the average salary is £24,263 - meaning a house price is 12.2 times the average. Well above the 7.6 national average.

Cllr Tim Yarker, housing portfolio holder for West Dorset District Council, said: "New homes are essential for the future sustainability, growth and prosperity of our communities.

"A mix of good quality housing will help keep young people in our area while attracting and retaining the key and skilled workers our local economy needs to grow."

Cllr Gill Taylor, housing briefholder for Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, said: "Opening Doors will see us take decisive action and lead from the front on the housing crisis in our areas.

"We are keen to hear from anyone who wants to find out more or become involved, including groups interested in community land trusts, developers, landowners and builders."

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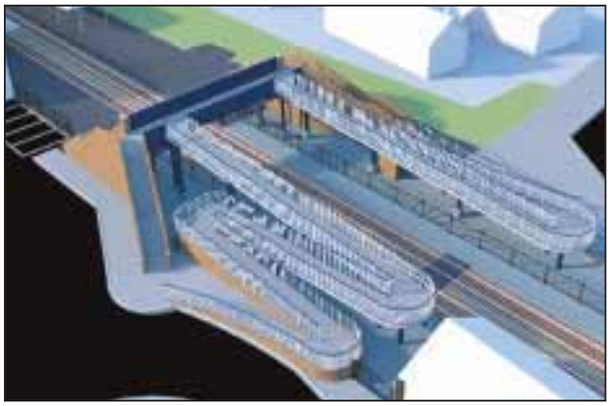

■ **The proposed ramp design**

New ramps proposed for footbridge at Wareham Station

RESIDENTS can now have their say on the planning application for new ramps to be added to Wareham Railway Station footbridge.

Dorset Highways has applied for planning permission from Dorset County Council to build the scheme, with details available through the online planning portal or at Wareham library.

The current level crossing by Wareham Railway Station has a long history and, following safety improvement requirements in 2009, has had a safety attendant monitoring the crossing between 6am and 1am (the following morning) when trains are scheduled to pass.

To provide a safer, permanent crossing facility, highway engineers have worked with Network Rail to design step-free access ramps up to the Wareham railway footbridge.

A listed building application has also been submitted to Purbeck District Council, which residents can also comment on.

Residents can submit their comments online on the planning portal, please use the Dorset County Council planning pages to comment on the planning application and use the Purbeck District Council planning pages to comment on the listed building consent: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/planning/applications

Will Harry and Meghan's wedding rings be made in Dorset?

A Dorchester jeweller is hoping to play a very special part in the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Goldcrest Jewellers in Hardye Arcade have told Wessex FM they're in talks with Kensington Palace to design the couple's wedding rings.

Owner Neil Strudwick says he submitted his designs this morning.

They came very close to making rings for the last Royal Wedding.

Neil said: "We actually submitted designs for them and we weren't expecting anything back and suddenly these letters came back from Kensington Palace saying they were really interested in what we were doing. We were then put forward to the final four."

"We were talking to the Palace for quite a few weeks. In the end William didn't have a wedding ring and Kate, I think, has Diana's wedding ring.

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Join in the fun at Bridport's Christmas Cheer

BRIDPORT Christmas Cheer is returning to town next Wednesday (December 6th) from 4pm, with a whole host of entertainment, events and fun.

The annual festive celebration is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping as many shops stay open later and stalls of local traders, food producers, charity groups and arts and crafts line the streets and fill the town hall, Bridport Arts Centre and Electric Palace.

Live music will be on throughout the town during the evening with local bands playing in Bucky Doo Square, and outside of The Bull Hotel and The Ropemakers, as well as carol singing by local schools and dance performances outside Bridport Antiques in West Street.

Father Christmas will once again be visiting the town and be led to his grotto in the arts centre forecourt, for the first time by a lantern parade from East Street. A free gift will be given to every child that visits Father Christmas.

The team at Bridport Museum is inviting visitors to step back in time at Bridport Christmas Cheer as they open the doors onto a Victorian Christmas with a twist.

Cheerful costumed guides will welcome to all visitors - but the surroundings are now modern and unmistakably 21st century – who can then follow a Christmas trail from pre-historic times, using the interactive tools.

As one of Bridport's three oldest buildings, the museum has shaken itself free of its historic mantle and this Christmas, the past is being marked in up-to-date surroundings, with guests being able to relive the town's past with touch screens, audio recordings and video demonstrations.

There will be chocolate coins for those who complete the trail and mince pies and hot chocolate for all.

Special gifts can be found in the museum shop, where all sales help keep the museum admission free, and there will be a raffle to win a festive hamper.

Doors will open at 4pm on Wednesday, December 6th until 8pm.

For more information, visit www.bridportmuseum.co.uk or www.facebook.com/BridportMuseum

Local businesses have also been encouraged to take part in the shop window competition, with the theme this year being 'Christmas Stocking'. The trophy for the winner will also be presented on Bridport Christmas Cheer evening. As well as the main event on Wednesday, December 6th the festive drink and cocktail trail will also return. Various venues around Bridport and the surrounding area will offer a festive tipple from December 1st to New Year's Eve. Those currently participating include:

- Beach and Barnicott, South Street, with hot freshly made mulled gin and a 'Christmas Spiced Daisy'.
- The Ropemakers, West Street, with Kir Royale and 'Dorset Gin Haze' or 'Dorset Vodka Haze'.
- BridgeHouse Hotel, Beaminster, with 'Christmas Tree Spritz'.

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served with bacon wrapped chipolata sage and onion stuffing and cranberry sauce and roast potatoes
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CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU 1

Available Lunchtime and Evenings
Please choose from one menu only

Smoked Salmon, Prawn and Ricotta Roulades
with baby caper and lemon and dill dressing
Oven Baked Camembert Parcel
served with red onion marmalade and warm crusty bread
Duck Liver and Orange Pate
with plum chutney and melba toast
Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
with chilli and crème fraiche and warm toasted ciabatta bread
Garlic Button Mushrooms and Smoked Bacon Lardons in a Rich and Creamy Dorset Blue Vinney Sauce
served on toasted rustic farmhouse bread
★ ✦ ★ ✦ ★
Festive Hand Carved Crown of Dorset Turkey
with sage and onion stuffing, cranberry sauce and bacon wrapped chipolata
Slow Roasted Belly of Pork
presented with crisp crackling, apricot stuffing and a spiced apple and cider jus
Oven Roasted Supreme of Chicken Roulettes
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Fillet of Scotch Salmon
on a bed of prawn and tarragon risotto with a classic lemon and dill sauce
Mushroom, Baby Spinach and Blue Vinney Cheese Wellington
with cranberry jus
All the above are served with buttered brussel sprouts, roasted parsnips and honey glazed carrots, roast and boulangiere potatoes
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Traditional Steamed Christmas Pudding
served with either brandy sauce, creamy custard or cream
Chocolate Profiteroles
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Chocolate Orange Crème Brûlée
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Thai Spiced Salmon, Prawn and Dill Fishcake
with sweet chilli sauce
Somerset Goats Cheese Tart
with sun ripened tomato and fire roasted pepper
Cream of Parsnip and Apple Soup
with crispy bacon lardons and parsnip crisps
Chefs Game Terrine
with smoked streaky bacon served with toasted crostini bread
★ ✦ ★ ✦ ★
Festive Hand Carved Crown of Dorset Turkey
with sage and onion stuffing, bacon wrapped chipolata and cranberry Sauce
Slow Roasted Rack of Dorset Lamb
with garden mint, fresh rosemary and redcurrant sauce
Pan Seared Duck Breast
with a forest mushroom and port jus
Supreme of Scotch Salmon En-Croute
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Roast Duo of Stuffed Pepper and Aubergine
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There will be even more excitement and activity during December at the Customs House when Santa will be in his Grotto every weekend from Saturday, December 2nd, 11am-4pm. At a cost of just £4 per child, they will receive 2 gifts each!

The Customs House really will be your one stop shop for all your Christmas needs, including real Christmas trees and everything you need to give your home the authentic Christmas feel. Scotties of Lyme Regis will be in the courtyard with a selection of beautiful real Christmas trees and wreaths, handmade wooden reindeer and snowmen throughout the month, up until Christmas Eve.

The courtyard now includes their very own wonderful cafe, Custom Maid, ensuring you can eat, shop and relax all in the same place! The cafe is open every day serving hot and cold food and drinks.

The Customs House is ever expanding under the new ownership of Mr Geoff Grant. They are looking forward to the opening of 2 new floors of trading space in 2018 and would welcome any new traders. To trade at The Customs House cabinets are £60 per month and units start from just £110 per month, please ask Bev, the manageress, for details. Bev can be contacted on 07718 266 691 or by email on bev.beavis@customs-house.co.uk.

The Customs House will be open every day during the festive season, with the exception of Christmas Day. They will be open Boxing Day so come on in after watching the brave souls take to the sea for the annual swim!

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CUSTOM Maid is the charming cafe situated in the heart of the Customs House courtyard. Serving teas, coffees, cakes and light lunches, it's the perfect place to relax after browsing the many fabulous traders displays in the Customs House. The cafe is full of unique items from Lyme Bay Home Interiors, the majority of which are available to buy. A pit stop at the Custom Maid is absolutely essential when visiting the Customs House!

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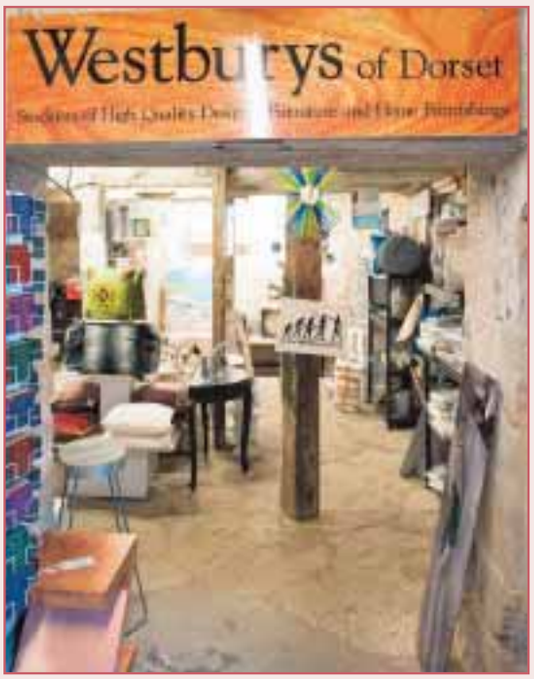

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VIEW 2

First wave of acts are onboard for Camp Bestival's 2018 voyage

FESTI-HOLIDAY frolics ahoy! The Camp Bestival crew are hitting the slipway to launch our good ship onto the high seas of the summer holiday, brimming with incredible spectacles, joyous music, amazing food, luxury camping and tons of fun for all the family. And what's more, we like the cut of your jib, so standby to receive the very first wave of shipmates, acts and entertainers cruising into Lulworth Castle from the 26th to the 29th July 2018.

Captain da Bank says: "Ahoy there shipmates and anchors aweigh! HMS Camp Bestival is ready to set sail with our first wave of salty seadogs to announce. Expect the unexpected from rock giants Simple Minds and Shed Seven to dance gurus Orbital and Basement Jaxx and a cheeky bit of Rick Astley too… and that's just the music. From River Cottage feasts and animatronic dinosaurs, to Insect Circuses, pantomimes and a gin festival, it's full steam ahead for 2018. All aboard!

"Bringing all three of our headliners above board for this first announcement, we are delighted to reveal that Simple Minds will be heading leeward-ho on Sunday night topping the bill before our epic fireworks finale." Commenting on their headline performance Simple Minds' Jim Kerr said: "Simple Minds are delighted to be performing at Camp Bestival next year".

Rob Da Bank continued: "Effortlessly sailing the rick-rolling waves, baritone crooner Rick Astley will be joining us to headline Friday night. And we are very excited indeed to announce that Saturday's chief seafarers are huge Camp Bestival favourites, Clean Bandit.

"Keeping the big guns firing there will also be a big top headline appearance from techno trailblazers Orbital on Sunday night and Basement Jaxx will hit the decks in big ol' blue on Saturday night. But that's not all, we'll be chock-a-block with copper-bottomed good times including Sara Cox presents Just Can't Get Enough 80s warming up for Rick Astley, Brit pop heroes Shed Seven, BGT winner Tokio Myers, tender troubadour Declan McKenna, YouTuber dodie, Jamaican giants The Skatalites, and turntable wizard Jaguar Skills."

Celebrating 20 years of rocking the sweet soul and b-boy control, all with added risqué action, The Cuban Brothers will present La Familia with a full live band show, there will be DJ sets from Fearne Cotton and Huey Morgan's NYC Block Party, expect all manner of mum moshing and dad dancing with live sets from Stereo MCs, The Undertones, the mighty Pop Will Eat Itself, psych chanteuse Jane Weaver and Jesus Jones and don't miss hardcore, jungle, techno and breaks action with Billy Daniel Bunter & Raindance. We'll also have the return of one of 2017's biggest hits, Elvana: Elvis Fronted Nirvana, fiddle-fuelled folk from Chris Wood, and junior rave time with Big Fish Little Fish.

As ever, family shows and entertainment are front and centre on the promenade deck with top billing turns from long time CB legend Mr Tumble and Castle Stage faves Dick and Dom who commented on their return: "We're back for our seventh year. HUZAAAR!!! Setting sail now in our tiny pink tub. See you in the summer, you nautical sea monkeys!"

We'll also have dino-mite fun with Dinosaur World Live, Ballet with Matthew Bourne's New Adventures, Pirates of Penzance - The Musical, Royal Albert Hall's Seafaring Symphony & Workshops, the return of 'Come Dancing' In Spiegeltent with Karen Hardy Studios, Underwater Carnival Night Parade, Sailing Talks with High Seas Adventurers, Pirate Bedtime Stories, The World of Supersaurs and Now That's What I Call Sea Shanties.

There will be teen talks and opinions from Gemma Cairney and Katie Thistleton. And don't miss fun for all the family including HMS Camp Bestival hosted by the Blue Coats, Pirate Sandpit, the Dingly Dell featuring Den Building & Tree Climbing, Crafty Cabin with Katie Jones' Knit & Lizzie King's Tie-Dye, the Insect Circus & Museum, The Greatest Tent on Earth!, a bigger and better Art Town, Bigtopmania Kids Theatre & Circus, Spinney Hollow Woodland Crafts and the Sports Park & Skate Ramps.

Rick Astley

There will be lots of delicious food and drink on offer too including The Feast Collective hosted by DJ BBQ, River Cottage presents Family Feasting & Culinary Workshop, Zoe's Ghana Kitchen's Kente Kala-Bash Supper Club, and Rob & Josie's Gin Festival, with lots more to be announced.

A handsome complement so far, we think you'll agree but we're not quite all aboard just yet. There are many more hands due on deck so keep a keen eye in your crow's nest for more maritime beauties coming alongside soon!

With Camp Bestival Setting Sail for 2018, we thought it only right to partner with the greatest sailors we know: the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust! For the first time this year, we're adding a £1 charity donation on to all Camp Bestival tickets, which will go directly to the Trust (Reg. Charity no. 4597114). This money will be used to fund their amazing work that helps young people rebuild their confidence after being diagnosed with cancer.

"I've been an Ambassador for the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust for many years now and i can honestly say that sitting on a boat with these young people who have been through such harrowing life changing experiences is one of the most humbling and inspirational things i can do with my time. I hope you'll understand why we want to help them in every way we can to keep giving hope and a new life experience to all these cool kids and teens." Rob da Bank

"With the theme of 'Set Sail' what better year to have a partnership with Camp Bestival, all of us and the young people at the Ellen MacArhtur Cancer trust are absolutely over the moon to have this relationship, we hope that everyone who visits Camp Bestival has the best time, thank you so much for your support." Founding Patron Dame Ellen MacArthur

Don't forget there are a host of premium camping experiences i including Camping Plus, Backstage Camping and Hospitality Camping on sale now, and if you buy before 11th December you'll receive some special Camp Bestival stocking fillers.

Keep checking www.campbestival.net and our Facebook and Twitter for all the latest info.

Simple Minds

Clean Bandit

Billy and co set to go Undercover in Bridport

BILLY ROWAN, aka The Undercover Hippy plays the main stage at some of Europe's best festivals with his band of incredible musicians. They've been regulars at Glastonbury, Secret Garden Party, Boomtown and many more.

Politically driven, the band blend acoustic roots reggae folk-hop, with feel good vibes and a sly sense of humour. The live show is high energy, interactive, and always leaves the crowd begging for more.

The Truth or Fiction tour marks the band's third album. Political as always, singer Billy Rowan discusses the state of the world at a time when we're just starting to realise how much those who rule our lives hide information from us.

The Undercover Hippy plays at Bridport Arts Centre this Friday, December 1st at 8pm. The evening will also feature DJ sets from Beat Safari, Kathy Kelly, and DJ Bearkat.

Tickets are £12, available online at www.bridport-arts.com, or by calling 01308 424204.

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FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 8PM
"Like a hip hop Gomez... politically driven, clever and fun - Bandana Review
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Live Gigs

Thursday 30 December
Marine Theatre,Lyme Regis
Ben Waters Band
8pm. £18

Friday 1 December
Arts Centre, Bridport
Undercover Hippy
8pm. £12.

Saturday 2 December
Crown Inn, Bridport
Andy Grant Trio
9.30pm. Free

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Sky Lizard

Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
Stompin' Dave and Sam Kelly
8pm. £14/£12

The Hub, Lyme Regis
BSharp present 'Out of the Box'
6.30pm. £7/£3/£20

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry

Saturday 9 December
Crown Inn, Bridport
Goliath 9.30pm. Free

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Relics

Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
VivaSantana
8pm. £16/£14

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry

TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, November 25th compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. The Rolling Stones
2. Spaceman 3
3. Beach Boys
4. Blondie
5. Hawkwind
6. Tangerine Dream
7. Loop
8. ELO
9. Frank Sinatra
10. Bob Dylan

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VIEW2 TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

Teddy Thompson to play at the Marine Theatre

SON OF legendary folk musicians Linda and Richard Thompson, Teddy is an acclaimed singer-songwriter with a career that has consistently attracted critical praise. His music is part folk and part pop. The New York Times calls his work "beautifully finessed." Teddy released his first, self titled album in 2000.

In 2002, Thompson played a key role in drawing his mother out of a 17-year musical retirement to record her landmark disc Fashionably Late, which he played on and co-produced.

In 2008, Thompson released the upbeat and highly acclaimed, A Piece of What You Need, which was declared "one of this year's best" by The Guardian and debuted at #9 in the UK's pop charts. A fifth album, Bella, was released February 2011 to much acclaim and led to touring the world with Elton John among other things.

In 2014 Thompson gathered his musical clan to release Family, one of the folk records of the year which garnered a multi page, in depth piece from The New York Times.

This is an unusual opportunity to hear Teddy Thompson perform in a small venue.

Teddy Thompson plays at the Marine Theatre on Wednesday, January 31st at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 in advance, or £17 on the door. Advance tickets are available by calling 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

■ Teddy Thompson

Blondie from a parallel universe

EUROPE'S No.1 Blondie tribute band, and the only Blondie tribute band to play at CBGBs in New York City before it's closure in 2006, Bootleg Blondie, come to Bridport Arts Centre in December.

Debbie Harris and the boys have met members of Blondie and have been officially endorsed by the band. Deborah Harry got in touch when she heard Bootleg Blondie were playing CBGBs and wished them good luck.

Debbie Harris, lead vocalist of Bootleg Blondie, has the looks,the voice and the attitude of the original Blondie Bombshell, and like her heroine is typically outrageous on stage. She has been known to wear dustbin liners, thigh length boots and t-shirts with more holes than t-shirt!

Bootleg Blondie play live at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, December 15th at 8pm. Tickets are £16 adults or £13 concessions, available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

■ Debbie Harris

Kick up your heels with Police Dog Hogan

KICK up your heels as Police Dog Hogan come Dorchester Arts at the Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, December 9th. Police Dog Hogan are a high-energy and eclectic eight-piece fusing of country, pop, folk and rocking bluegrass.

Driving country-rock rhythms and a distinctive Americana vibe underpin lead singer James Studholme's lyrics, in this collection of stories and personal observations. The collective musical skills of the band have been used to full effect to create an album that delivers on both interpretation and atmosphere.

Police Dog Hogan, first formed in 2009, has evolved over the years into a tight-knit eight-piece band combining guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, accordion, trumpet, keyboards, bass and drums to create an exuberant fusing of country, pop, folk and rocking bluegrass.

In 2014 Police Dog Hogan were one of only three UK bands invited to Nashville to perform at the prestigious Americana Music Association Awards, where DJ Bob Harris – in town for the awards – snapped them up for a recording that has become one of the most-watched YouTube videos on his "Under the Apple Tree Sessions" channel. In 2015 they made a showcase appearance on Harris's Radio 2 show.

The band has repeatedly been offered headline and other spots on the main stages of numerous key festivals – among many others, they have been asked back an unprecedented three times to Larmer Tree, twice to Kendal Calling and Port Eliot, and three times to Cornbury. In 2016 they appeared at Glastonbury for the first time, on the Avalon stage.

The band regularly plays to sell-out audiences up and down the country. After more than 300 live shows they've become a serious and ambitious musical venture that marries a devotion to touring and the presentation of consummate live performances with an utter dedication to song writing and recording.

Tickets are £15 full price or £13 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

■ Police Dog Hogan

The Nag's Head
Silver St, Lyme Regis
Tel 01297 442312
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 2nd December, 9pm
SKY LIZARD

Saturday 9th December, 9pm
RELICS

Sunday 10th December, 4pm
SIMPLE CHAOS

www.nagsheadlymeregis.co.uk

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Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

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Oh *Whattalife!*

Lucy Stevens brings her one woman show to Dorchester

LUCY STEVENS brings her one woman play with music Whattalife! to Dorchester Arts on Sunday, December 3rd. Kathleen Ferrier was one of Britain's phenomenal women of the 20th Century. Whattalife! tells her story from her debut as a singer in 1940, her meteoric rise and her tragic death in 1953.

Professional actress and contralto, Lucy Stevens has researched and created a unique and totally engaging performance. The text is taken straight from Kathleen's letters and diaries. Sung music from her repertoire is woven through the text.

Whattalife! is the first staged as a dramatisation of Ferrier's life, evoking the spirit of the war and post war years. Just like Kathleen during her short but full life, the show has a great sense of fun and talks straight from the heart.

It follows life's highs:

'...I'm fit as a flea ... and haven't had a cigarette since I left the boat - in fact I'm too bloody good to live'

and life's lows:

'So I'm unhappy at the moment and you would probably say it was good for my art - but if this is art, then I hate it - I hate music, I hate my own voice, I hate people and I hate America! There!! I'm sorry - it's just tiredness ... am going to have a bath and leave a tidemark just to get mi moneysworth ...'

Tickets are £14 full price or £12 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

■ Lucy Stevens

Inua Ellis: An Evening with an Immigrant

■ Inua Ellis

INUA ELLAMS is a poet, playwright and a performer. He brings himself, a microphone, a stool, a poem stand and his story, *An Evening With An Immigrant* to Dorchester Arts on Friday, December 1st at 8pm, and Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, December 2nd at 7.30pm.

Born to a Muslim father and a Christian mother in what is now considered by many to be Boko Haram territory, in 1996 award-winning poet and playwright Inua Ellams left Nigeria for England aged 12, moved to Ireland for three years, before returning to London and starting work as a writer and graphic designer.

Part of this story was documented in his hilarious autobiographical Edinburgh Fringe First Award-winning play The 14th Tale, but much of it is untold. Littered with poems, stories and anecdotes, Inua will tell his ridiculous, fantastic, poignant immigrant-story of escaping fundamentalist Islam, directing an arts festival at his college in Dublin, performing solo shows at the National Theatre, and drinking wine with the Queen of England, all the while without a country to belong to or place to call home.

Tickets for the Dorchester show are £12 full price or £10 concessions, available by calling 01305 266926 or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

Tickets for the Bridport show are £13 full price, and £11 concessions, available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

Marine Comedy Club Edinburgh Festival special

THE Marine Theatre is pleased to present a special double bill of acclaimed comedy from Edinburgh Festival.

Headlining is Naz Osmanoglu is a British comedian and – strangely - a member of the Imperial House of Osman, former ruling dynasty of the Ottoman Empire. Star of BBC3's Live at the Electric, winner of the Amused Moose Laugh-off competition and Chortle Best Newcomer Nominee 2010, Naz Osmanoglu has hit the comedy world running. Already a fringe veteran with acclaimed sketch trio WitTank, he is now diverting his angry Anglo-Turkish energy to stand-up as well as sketch comedy.

Flo & Joan is the British musical comedy duo and is also sisters, Nicola and Rosie Dempsey.

The pair has headlined to sold-out audiences across North America and the UK including Reading and Latitude Festival.

They had a viral hit with their 2016 Song, which to date has received 46 million views. They appeared on Canadian TV comedy programme This Hour Has 22 Minutes and on BBC Radio 4's Fresh From the Fringe.

The Kindness of Stranglers, their 2017 show, sold out in advance and received a raft of positive reviews.

The Comedy Club double bill takes place on Friday, December 8th at 8pm.

Tickets are £15, available by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com

■ Naz Osmanoglu

DorchesterARTS

At the Corn Exchange Theatre

Inua Ellams
An Evening with an Immigrant
Friday 1 December
8pm
Littered with poems, stories and anecdotes, Inua will tell his ridiculous, fantastic, poignant immigrant-story.
£12 / £10 members and concessions
£5 Live for 5

Kathleen Ferrier
Whattalife!
Sunday 3 December
2.30pm
Whattalife! is a new one woman play with music. Kathleen Ferrier was one of Britain's phenomenal women of the 20th Century.
£14 / £12 members & concessions

For full event listings, visit our website
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Goings On At The Marine

BEN WATERS BAND
Thursday 30 November
8.00pm. £18
World famous Boogie Woogie Pianist who plays with the Rolling Stones and Jools Holland, ahead of his Ronnie Scott's residency.

MARINE COMEDY CLUB:
NAZ OSMANOGLU WITH FLO & JOAN
Friday 8 December
8.00pm. £15
Edinburgh Festival special double bill.
"Naz is a hard gigging, high performance comedy machine"
- The Sun

VIVA SANTANA
Saturday 9 December
8.00pm.
£16 / £14 concs.
Described by Classic Rock Magazine as in the Top 5 Tributes in the UK, featuring international guitarist Marcos Rodriguez

Box Office: Lyme Regis TIC 01297 442138
or buy online at www.marinetheatre.com
Please note that a 10% booking fee applies to all online and TIC bookings

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THE BIG SCREEN

This week's releases

THE DISASTER ARTIST 12A
WHEN Greg Sestero, an aspiring film actor, meets the weird and mysterious Tommy Wiseau in an acting class, they form a unique friendship and travel to Hollywood to make their dreams come true.
Comedy biopic stars James Franco, Dave Franco, Seth Rogen and Alison Brie.

WONDER PG
BASED on the New York Times bestseller, *Wonder* tells the incredibly inspiring and heart-warming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.
Stars Jacob Tremblay, Owen Wilson and Izabela Vidovic.

THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS PG
THE journey that led to Charles Dickens' creation of "A Christmas Carol," a timeless tale that would redefine the holiday.
Stars Dan Stevens, Christopher Plummer and Jonathan Pryce.

JUST GETTING STARTED 12A
A TWO-HANDER action comedy in the vein of Midnight Run about an ex-FBI agent (Jones) and an ex-mob lawyer in the witness protection program (Freeman) having to put aside their petty rivalry on the golf course to fend off a mob hit.
Stars Morgan Freeman, Tommy Lee Jones and Rene Russo.

Cinema Listings

(all listings subject to change)
Fri, Dec 1st to Thu, Dec 7th

DORCHESTER PLAZA
Tel: 01305 262488
www.plazadorchester.com

Battle of the Sexes 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 11.45am
Sat & Sun: 17.15
Daddy's Home 2 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 15.30, 21.00
Sat & Sun: 10.30, 15.45, 21.00
Justice League 12A
Fri-Mon, Wed: 20.15
Murder on the Orient Express 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 17.15
Paddington 2 PG
Fri, Mon, Wed: 12.00, 14.45, 17.30, 20.00
Sat & Sun: 9.45, 12.30, 15.15, 17.30, 20.00
Tue, Thu: 11.30, 14.00, 14.45, 16.30, 20.15
The Man Who Invented Christmas PG
Fri, Wed: 12.15, 14.30, 18.00
Sat & Sun: 9.30, 11.45, 15.00, 18.00
Mon,: 11.45, 14.30
Tue, Thu: 12.15, 18.00
Wonder PG
Fri, Tue-Thu: 12.45, 15.00, 18.15, 20.45
Sat & Sun: 13.00, 18.15, 20.45
Mon: 12.45, 14.15, 17.00, 18.15

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Daddy's Home 2 12A
Fri-Mon, Wed: 12.00, 14.45, 17.15, 19.45
Tue, Thu: 14.00, 16.30, 20.45
Justice League 12A
Fri-Mon, Wed: 20.45
Paddington 2 PG
Fri:-Mon, Wed: 12.45, 15.30, 18.15
Tue, Thu: 18.15
The Nut Job 2 U
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
Wonder PG
Daily: 12.20, 15.00, 17.40, 20.20

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE
Tel: 01308 424204
www.bridport-arts.com

Kalidoscope 15 Sun: 15.00
In Our Hands Thu: 19.30

WEYMOUTH CINEWORLD
Tel: 0871 200 2000 • www.cineworld.co.uk

A Bad Mom's Christmas 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.45, 17.40, 20.50
Sat-Sun: 17.40, 20.50
Battle of the Sexes 12A
Fri, Mon-Tue: 12.40, 20.40
Sat-Sun: 20.40, Wed: 12.40
Thu: 14.40
Daddy's Home 2 12A
Daily: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.30
Plus Sat: 10.30am
Justice League in 2D 12A
Fri: 12.00, 14.45, 17.30, 19.00, 20.20
Sat-Sun: 11.50, 14.40, 17.30, 19.00, 20.20
Mon-Thu: 12.00, 14.45, 17.30, 20.20
Murder on the Orient Express 12A
Fri-Sat, Mon-Thu: 14.00, 16.50, 19.30
Sun: 11.20, 14.10, 16.50, 19.30
Olaf's Frozen Adventure PG
Sa & Sun: 10.00am
Paddington 2 PG
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.20, 14.50, 15.40, 16.30, 17.20, 18.10, 19.50
Sat & Sun: 10.00, 11.30, 12.20, 13.10, 14.00, 14.50, 15.40, 16.30, 17.20, 18.10, 19.50
The Disaster Artist 15
Wed: 20.40
Thu: 13.10, 15.40, 18.10, 20.40
The Man Who Invented Christmas PG
Daily: 13.20, 15.50, 18.20
Plus Sat & Sun: 10.50am
The Star U
Sat: 12.15, Sun: 10.00, 12.15
Thor: Ragnarok in 2D 12A
Fri: 12.00, 14.20, 17.00, 19.40
Sat & Sun: 14.30, 20.10
Mon-Tue: 14.40, 20.10
Wed: 14.40, 19.00, Thu: 20.10
Wonder PG
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00, 14.20, 17.00, 19.40
Sat & Sun: 11.40, 14.20, 17.00, 19.40

Community Orchestra's Christmas Concert

A PROGRAMME of Christmas music performed by West Dorset Community Orchestra conductor Walter Brewster and Local Vocals directed by Lesley Whatley will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at St. John's Church, West Bay DT6 4EN at 7.30pm.

This event promises to be enjoyable and an excellent opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas and offers a wide range of music to our audience. The orchestra will be playing a variety of music including works by Mozart, Handel, Elmer Bernstein, and Smetana, and Christmas favourites.

Entry is free but there will be a retiring collection at the end. Mince pies and refreshments will be served during the interval. Parking is available in local car parks.

So come and enjoy an evening of music and song to get you in the swing of Christmas

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UNTIL WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH

LYME REGIS: In perfect timing for holiday shopping, the Town Mill's Malthouse Gallery will be full of festive paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books by local artists who are members of Town Mill Arts in their annual Winter Art Fair. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

ROUSDON: Combpyne Rousdon Social Club, Annual Turkey Bingos, held at Peek Hall. Half time hot dogs and pasties, tea coffee and bar. Doors open 7pm eyes down at 8pm. any queries, call 01297 443235 Come and have some bingo fun!
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 281882.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club: Competition: 'Landscape', judged by Ginny Campbell. 7.30pm Chancery House, Bridport, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 281561.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: West Gallery Carols with the Ridgeway Singers. 'To keep wold Christmas up'. At St John's Church, 7.30pm. Conducted by Phil Humphries, leader Tim Laycock. Admission £8, under 18s £4. For more details and to book call 01308 482443.
MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 281882.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 281882.
LYME REGIS: Comedy: Angelos and Barry at the Marine Theatre, 8pm. £16 / £14 concs. Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2ND

LYME REGIS: Live music: Stompin' Dave and Sam Kelly at the Marine Theatre, 8pm. £14/£10. Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.
LYME REGIS: Join local artist Christine Allison at the launch of her inspiring new book, Drawing: Techniques and Tutorials for the Complete Beginner, commissioned and published by the Guild of Master Craftsmen, at Fine Art and Framing, 64 Broad Street, Lyme Regis from 11.00am-3pm.
WEYMOUTH: Christmas Craft Exhibition and Fayre. The Crafty Pilgrims are exhibiting a selection of their work at Pilgrim House, Hope Square. 12noon-4pm. There will also be hand crafted items for sale. An ideal opportunity to find unusual and beautiful Christmas gifts for your family and friends
LYME REGIS: 'Out of the Box' at The Hub, 6.30pm-10.30pm. Young musicians from Boombox, Hub Jams and Bridport Jams come together for a low budget installation/music experience. B Sharp house band LaunchPad will close the show. Tickets £7 adults, £3 young people, £20 family, available on the door.

SATURDAY DEC 2ND - TUESDAY JAN 2ND

LYME REGIS: The seventh annual Pop-Up Vintage store will be selling all kinds of vintage, retro and crafted items for that perfect unusual Christmas gift. Books, clothes, toys, accessories, needlework supplies, home-wares and much much more are available at attractive prices. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD

LODERS: Beginners Ballroom/Latin Class Every Sunday 7pm at Loders Village Hall DT6 3SA
WEYMOUTH: Christmas gift and craft fair in the Ocean Room at Weymouth Pavilion with 50 plus stalls displaying and selling quality handmade wares. Free entry, 10am-4pm. For more details call 07917 135729.

MONDAY DECEMBER 4TH

WYKE REGIS: Beginners Ballroom/Latin Class Every Monday 8pm - 9:20pm Wyke Regis Memorial Hall DT4 9EX
BEAMINSTER: Moviola presents: 'Churchill' at the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton 01308 862715, or by calling 01308 861746, are £5 in advance, or £5.50 on the door.
BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 281882.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5TH

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Civic Society meeting at the Dorford Centre, Top o' Town, 7.30pm. Talk by Martin Hamilton, Strategic Director of Dorset Councils Partnership, on 'Transforming Dorchester's Economy'. Free, but non-members encouraged to donate £3.
DORCHESTER: The Dorchester French Circle meeting at 7.30pm until 9.30pm in the Roger Thomas Conference Room at AgeUK Dorchester at 4 Prince of Wales Road, DT1 1PW. Coffee or tea or a glass of wine will be available from 7.30. At 8pm we commence 'Jeux de Noel'. These will include traditional Christmas party games, such as the ever popular 'pass the parcel'. For further information please visit the website www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6TH

UPLYME: Lyme Ladies Quilt Group meeting at Uplyme Village Hall, 1st Wednesday of each month, 1.30-4.30pm. Annual membership fee £10 (visitors welcome). If you think you would like to come along and join us, you are more than welcome. We also enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee, and a biscuit or two, plus the inevitable chat. Call 01297 445747 or 01460 394429 if you would like more information.
ROUSDON: Combpyne Rousdon Social Club, Annual Turkey Bingos, held at Peek Hall. Half time hot dogs and pasties, tea coffee and bar. Doors open 7pm eyes down at 8pm. any queries, call 01297 443235 Come and have some bingo fun!
BRIDPORT: Father Christmas will be coming to town, lead by Bridports first Illuminated Lantern Procession at Bridport Christmas Cheer. 5.30pm.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 281882.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH

BRIDPORT: Come and join our Community Coffee morning in St. Swithun's Church Hall, Allington DT6 5DX, where fresh coffee and homemade cakes are served free of charge. Make some new friends and enjoy yourself. The event takes place on the first Thursday of every month between 10.45am & 11.45am.
WOOTTON FITZPAINE: Artsreach present 'Brilliance' by Farnham Maltings at Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall. Doors 7pm, performance from 7.30pm. Tickets £9, under 18s £7, from the self service box office at The Charmouth Practice Tel 01297 560948 for information. Bar and raffle. Proceeds to the hall.
DORCHESTER: Diabetes UK group Christmas get together in the Diabetes Centre, Bridport Road, DT1 2NQ, 7pm. The evening is open to all those living with diabetes where they can chat with others living with the condition, partake in soup, carols and a Christmas quiz.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 281882.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 281882.
LYME REGIS: Comedy: Naz Osmanoglu with Flo and Joan. £15. Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH

LODERS: Christmas Fair at Loders Village Hall, 3-5pm. All proceeds to the Loders School PTFA. Meet Santa in his sleigh! Stalls (including some traders), games, refreshments, mulled wine, hand made items, Grand Raffle and so much more.
LYME REGIS: Cinema: Frozen Sing-A-Long, 2pm. £2.50 on the door. Family dress up and sing-a-long Christmas special, 8pm
LYME REGIS: Music: Viva Santana, 8pm. £16/£14. Family dress up and sing-a-long Christmas special, 8pm
WEYMOUTH: Dorset Sinfonia presents 'A Night at the Opera' - a musical extravaganza of songs from the world of opera, 7.30pm at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church. Tickets £10 (children 16 and under free), available from Dorchester TIC and on the door.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH

LODERS: Beginners Ballroom/Latin Class Every Sunday 7pm at Loders Village Hall DT6 3SA
LODERS: Ballroom & Latin Social Dance evening every Sunday 8pm - 10:30pm Loders Village Hall DT6 3SA
BRIDPORT: Wessex Military Band, winter concert - Bridport Arts Centre 3pm. Tickets £9 & £7 concessions from the box office on 01308 424204.
LYME REGIS: Jazz in the Bar, £12/£10 (concs). Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.
BRIDPORT: St. Swithun's Band Bridport are giving a Concert of Christmas music and Carols in St. Swithuns Church, Allington, at 3pm. Admission free with a retiring collection.

VivaSantana tribute to guitar icon

DESCRIBED by Classic Rock magazine as "One of the top five must see tributes in the UK", expect much more than a tribute band, this band continues to amaze fans with the music of the legendary Carlos Santana. It features featuring international guitarist Marcos Rodriguez. VivaSantana has played sell out shows as diverse as the prestigious London Guitar Show Wembley to theatres and rock festivals in the UK, Europe and even Cuba.

VivaSantana play at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, December 9th at 8pm. Tickets are £16 and £14, available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Light up a life with Weldmar Hospicecare

WELDMAR Hospicecare will host their annual Light up a Life services in November and December.

Every year, thousands of people remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones through lights sponsored in their name. Light up a Life is for everyone – not only for the many patients and families Weldmar has helped.

The annual appeal enables families, friends, and supporters of Weldmar to give donations in memory of a loved one. It raises vital funds for Weldmar's work by encouraging people to dedicate a light on one of the trees in memory of those who have died.

Val Gratton of Lyme Regis will be attending her third Light up a Life event, which is one of six held around the area.

Val said "For me it's not about remembering someone, as Mickie is always in my thoughts. It gives you the chance to press the pause button, when you are so busy before Christmas with shopping and buying presents. We all have our traditions at Christmas and when you have lost someone you have to make new traditions, as there's a big hole where that person used to be."

The event Val attends in Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens features a string quartet, with readings and carols. She has attended since 2015, when she lost Mickie to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD).The pair had been married for more than 40 years and had three daughters together.

Weldmar became involved with them in 2014, when Mickie was starting to deteriorate and Val says the staff and volunteers were 'amazing' in caring for them both.

They had a volunteer coming in to offer therapy to help him relax, and community nurses would visit. He stayed at the hospice twice, and 'felt happy and safe' despite being prone to terrible panic attacks.

Val said: "The hospice moved us into a larger room, and our daughters came with the babies. The room gave us the chance to be normal, to chat about ordinary things surrounded by baby paraphernalia and just be a family. They were so considerate. Light up a Life gives you a chance to reflect on that person who's not going to be there. You share similar emotions to everyone there and that is reassuring and comforting."

The services will take place in November and December, as this is often the time when the feelings of loss are strongest. The services are a combination of readings and singing of carols which are supported by local community musicians and singers.

Everyone for whom a donation is made is remembered through the lights that will shine on one of Weldmar's special trees; and their names will be recorded in the charity's 2017 Book of Remembrance.

Caroline Hamblett, Weldmar's Chief Executive said: "If you are missing someone this Christmas, our services offer a way to remember them in the most magical and moving way, by lighting up the memory of their life. Your continued support enables us to be here to provide vital services to local people at the time when they need us most."

More details of all the services and of how to dedicate a light to those you wish to remember can be found online at the website www.weld-hospice.org.uk/lightupalife or by calling 01305 261800.

The services will be held on:

Wednesday, November 29th
Castle Gardens, Sherborne – 6.30pm

Thursday, November 30th
Orchard Park Garden Centre, Gillingham – 6.30pm

Sunday, December 3rd
Holme for Gardens, Wareham – 4pm

Tuesday, December 5th
Joseph Weld Hospice, Dorchester – 6.30pm

Sunday, December 10th
Hope Square, Brewer's Quay, Weymouth – 4.30pm

Tuesday, December 12th
Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens – 4.30pm

There will be a prayer of remembrance and dedication during the Parish Carol Service in St Michael's Church, Lyme Regis on Sunday, December 17th at 4pm.

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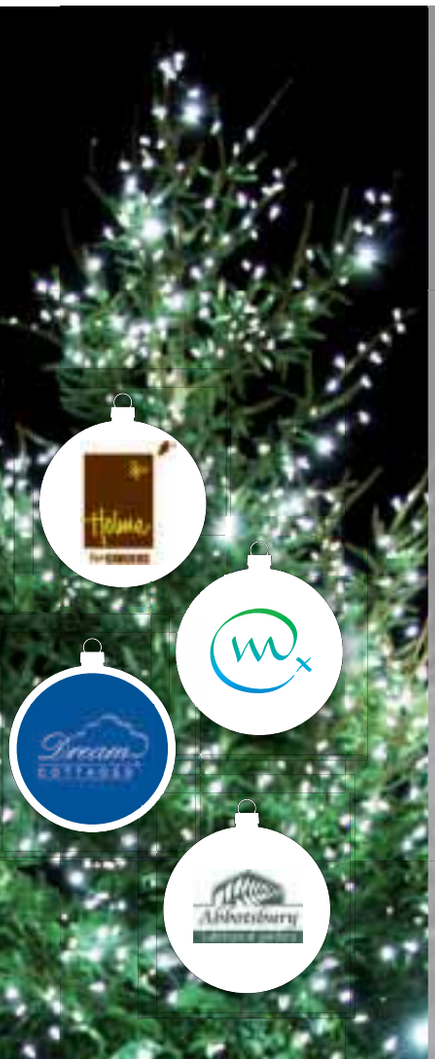

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Property and Land November auction exceeds £1,000,000

A LARGE number of people filled The Oak Tree Arena at Edithmead for a collective auction sale of properties which spanned from Ilminster to Bridgwater and Weston-super-Mare, on November 9th.

Covering areas throughout much of Somerset with lots from a number of local estate agents, this interesting sale drew a large crowd which packed the room to capacity.

The sale, conducted by Auctioneer and Senior Land Agent Ian Walker, commenced with two properties at Ilminster brought to auction by Mayfair Town & Country. The first being an end of terrace cottage requiring extensive modernisation located in Butts which sold at £100,000, followed by a detached bungalow at Broadway in need of updating which realised £195,000.

Moving to the seaside (Burnham-on-Sea), a freehold land plot at Worston Lane, suitable for a mobile home, reached £67,500 after spirited bidding. This was followed by a house in Eastleigh Close with 3 bedrooms in need of updating, brought to auction by Berrymans, which sold for £206,000.

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Almost halfway through the sale the room remained packed, with interested purchasers ensuring that a detached bungalow on Bristol Road in Bridgwater being sold by Tamlyns made £156,000, despite needing improvement, and a rural barn for conversion to a dwelling at Stockland Bristol, after a long bidding run, fell to the hammer at £175,000.

An unusual lot on the Polden Hills comprised a Grade-II-listed stone-walled garden of about a third of an acre in a completely overgrown state in the village of Edington; the price for which grew to £37,000 with an adjacent small garden area selling to the same buyer for £5,000.

Last but by no means least was a detached bungalow at Milton in Weston-super-Mare, again being sold by Mayfair Town & Country. This 1960's property had remained in the same ownership and in its original form since construction. Offered for sale for the executors of a deceased estate and now in need of very extensive renovation both inside and out, the property had been guided at £120,000 to £150,000. The bidding opened at £100,000 and received a long run of bids which slowed around £150,000 with two determined bidders in pursuit and a long volley of bids before the auctioneers gavel fell at £198,000.

Auctioneer Ian Walker commented after the sale: "Tonight was a pleasing result with 100% success having sold all 9 of the properties offered. This shows the level of interest still in the market for investment and development properties. With sensible advice on price guides and a good marketing programme, excellent results have been achieved".

A further property auction will take place on 14th December with more sales programmed for early spring. Should you be considering a sale by auction, contact your local branch of Mayfair Town & Country for free, no-obligation advice: Mayfair Beaminster (01308 862606) or Mayfair Dorchester (01305 269200).

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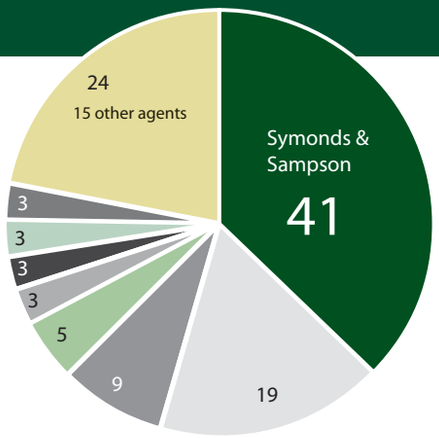

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THE LUXURY SUV has a new benchmark thanks to the introduction of the Range Rover SVAutobiography.

The new model delivers a combination of craftsmanship and technology, epitomising the pinnacle of luxury travel whether driver or passenger.

Available exclusively in long wheelbase, the Range Rover SVAutobiography combines advanced new convenience features, including rear doors that close at the touch of a button, to create a sanctuary for relaxation that doubles as a mobile technology hub.

A comprehensive range of powertrain options includes an advanced new plug-in hybrid electric-petrol, with an EV range of up to 31 miles, and an uprated 565hp V8 supercharged petrol engine.

■ New Range Rover SVAutobiography Long Wheel Base

Executive Class rear seats are central to the appeal of the luxurious new model. Combined with the long-wheelbase body, they offer rear legroom of over 1.2m while deep seat foams with new comfort interlayers deliver enhanced passenger wellbeing. With a powered 40-degree recline capability, hot stone massage function, heated calf and foot rests, the rear cabin promises a peerless passenger experience.

A dramatic fixed centre console extends the full length of the cabin and the new model also allows passengers to close the rear doors using conveniently located buttons on the rear console.

Electrically deployable rear tables and integrated 10" Touchscreen rear entertainment screens ensure customers can use the 4G WiFi connectivity to work or relax in comfort, while a concealed refrigerator between the twin rear seats can hold two wine bottles or four 600ml bottles. The right-hand rear seat folds to accommodate long items and customers can also specify a Power Deployable Veneered Loadspace Floor for the first time, making loading and unloading luggage easier than ever.

With convenience features providing a first class customer experience, the attention to detail delivers new levels of sophistication. An exclusive new Zenith clock features on the rear centre console, inspired by the Elite 6150 watch. Its knurled bezel complements the finish on the start/stop button, gear selector and pedals.

Jaguar Land Rover's elegant and intuitive Touch Pro Duo infotainment system with twin high-definition touchscreen controls is a 'digital butler' fit for the 21st Century. Information can be swiped from one screen to the other, delivering unrivalled functionality and ease of use.

Gerry McGovern, Chief Design Officer, Land Rover, said: "The Range Rover SVAutobiography is the epitome of luxury, comfort and refinement. Our standard-bearer for quality and precision exemplifies the attention to detail and sophistication that has been a hallmark of our most luxurious SUV stretching back almost 50 years."

The Range Rover SVAutobiography will be hand-finished exclusively at the SVO Technical Centre in Warwickshire, UK, and makes its global motor show debut at the Los Angeles International Auto Show on 29 November 2017. The event will see the new Range Rover SVAutobiography presented alongside the extreme Discovery SVX and the powerful Range Rover Sport SVR, as well as the standard wheelbase SVAutobiography Dynamic, for the first time.

John Edwards, Managing Director of Jaguar Land Rover Special Operations, said: "The SVAutobiography badge identifies our most luxurious vehicles in the same way the SVR and SVX monikers denote our most potent and capable derivatives. The arrival of the enhanced Range Rover SVAutobiography further strengthens the peerless luxury pillar of the SV family."

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New Ford Transit Custom – enhanced style, productivity and technology for Britain's best-selling van

FORD'S new Transit Custom delivers a bold new design, an all-new interior and enhanced productivity to European businesses.

The new Transit Custom builds on the success of the outgoing model, which became the top-selling van in its segment in 2015 and contributed towards a record sales year in 2016 in the UK, and continues to lead the market this year with 86,400 sold September year-to-date. Available to order across Europe in December, new Transit Custom is scheduled for customer delivery from early 2018.

Powered by Ford's EcoBlue 2.0-litre diesel engine, Transit Custom has been re-engineered to offer significant new features and capabilities including a new ECOnetic van variant delivering improved fuel efficiency and 148g/km CO2 emissions.

Sporting a bold new front-end design with three-bar Transit grille, Ford's one-tonne van provides drivers with the ideal mobile office environment, featuring a completely new cabin that offers best-in-class stowage, improved comfort and ergonomics, and easy connectivity with SYNC 3 or MyFord Dock options. Further technologies introduced to commercial vehicles for the first time include Intelligent Speed Assist.

"Transit Custom has been a runaway success since it was introduced, and this new version raises the game once more," said Hans Schep, general manager, Commercial Vehicles, Ford of Europe. "We have listened carefully to our customers, and delivered a one-tonne van that is even more stylish, even more productive, and packed with smart features."

The new generation Transit Custom sets the scene for Ford's next major commercial vehicle innovation, with the introduction of the zero-emission capable Plug-in Hybrid (PHEV) derivative scheduled to begin volume production in 2019.

The Transit Custom PHEV utilises an advanced hybrid system that targets a zero-emission range exceeding 30 miles, and features the multi-award-winning Ford EcoBoost 1.0-litre petrol engine as a range extender. The hybrid electric van will begin trials with fleet customers in London from December this year.

Introduced in late 2012, Transit Custom was the first of Ford's expanded all-new Transit line-up to go on sale – later joined by the Transit Courier, Transit Connect and Transit models – and was a key driver in Ford becoming Europe's No. 1 commercial vehicle brand in 2015, a leading position it has held ever since. Transit has also been the best-selling commercial vehicle in Britain since it was introduced in 1965.

Ford EcoBlue engine and new ECOnetic variant

The new Transit Custom is powered by the state-of-the-art Ford EcoBlue diesel engine that was introduced to the range during 2016. With a choice of 105PS, 130PS and 170PS power ratings, the advanced new engine delivers significant cost of ownership and performance benefits compared to the previous 2.2-litre diesel, with fuel-efficiency improved by up to 13 per cent and low-end torque enhanced by 20 per cent.

The updated model also offers a new ECOnetic variant that delivers 148g/km CO2 emissions and return a combined 49.6mpg, a further 6 per cent improvement over the most efficient current vehicle.

Available for the 300 Series short wheelbase van, the ECOnetic variant features the 105 PS engine with a unique calibration and Auto-Stop-Start, low rolling resistance tyres, Ford's innovative Acceleration Control feature, and a fixed 62mph speed limiter.

The new Transit Custom continues to offer commercial vehicle operators the same outstanding breadth of capabilities from a vehicle line-up that includes two roof heights, two wheelbase options, a gross vehicle mass range from 2.6 tonnes to 3.4 tonnes offering payloads up to 1450kg, and bodystyles including van, kombi and double-cab-in-van.

The new model maintains the Transit reputation for delivering class-leading load-carrying ability, with innovative loadspace features such as the load-through hatch in the bulkhead for extra-long items, and the integrated roof rack that can be folded away when not in use.

■ New Ford Transit Custom

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Lapford	9	9	16
Sidmouth Res	7	7	13
Chagford	10	1	13
Heavitree Res	8	-7	11
Perry Street	6	8	10
Bickleigh	8	-8	9
Chard Town Res	8	-16	9
Wellington Res	10	-24	4
Alphington Res	10	-27	3

D&E Div 5 (26)	Pld	GD	Pts
Lyme Regis Res	10	14	22
Black Swan Town	8	28	19
Halwill Res	9	4	19
Millwey Rise	8	18	16
Elmore Res	5	18	15
Culm Utd	11	9	15
Hemyock	10	7	15
Central FC	8	14	14
Ilminster Res	12	-3	13*
Exwick Village	7	-1	10
Westexe Park	9	-11	7
Awliscombe	9	-14	7
Dunkeswell Rov	8	-24	6
Offwell Rangers	10	-59	-1*

Dorset Sen (24)	Pld	GD	Pts
Chickerell Utd	10	28	27
Corfe Castle	9	13	22
Westlands Sp Res	9	16	21
Witchampton Utd	9	7	16
Broadstone	8	5	15
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South Petherton	7	13	18
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Chard Utd	8	9	13
Shepton Beau	9	10	12
Winsham Utd	8	2	10
Misterton	6	-1	9
Netherbury	7	-16	6
Pymore	5	-21	0
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P Street D1 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Halstock	7	35	19
Ilminster Colts	8	5	16
Farway Utd	6	7	11
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Perry St D2 (20)	Pld	Gd	Pts
Thorncombe	9	22	23
Forton Res	9	15	19
Charmouth	7	9	16
Misterton Res	6	10	13
Dowlish & Don	8	2	13
Crewkerne Rang	4	3	8
Kingsbury	8	-1	7
Chard Utd Res	7	-8	5
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Perry St D3 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Donyatt Utd	10	23	25
Ilminster Town A	9	24	24
Merriott Dynamos	6	7	15
Farway Utd Res	8	1	13
Crew Rang Res	8	-2	12
Thorncombe Res	9	-14	10
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Division One

IT wasn't pretty, but Lyme Regis began repairing the damage done by last week's 6-1 humbling at Cullompton with a gritty late win over an Alphington side who belied their current position languishing at the foot of the table.

The opening 20 minutes were low key. There was a fine low save by Seasiders' keeper Chris Higgs near the foot of his post, and a superb curling pass from Sam Day at the other end which found Chris Herbst but the striker volleyed over at full stretch.

But the deadlock was broken a minute later when Cody Bowditch's low corner found his skipper Dom Rowe who clipped home a low left footer at the near post.

They went close to adding a second soon after when Darren Lock's run through the inside left channel ended with keeper Ollie Baker saving well with his feet.

Lock, who put in a typical all-action display in central midfield, received a yellow card from referee Paul Davies for a late tackle and was perhaps fortunate to escape a second when he clipped Alphas' centre back James Ibbeson.

Having threatened little, and with Lyme on the ascendancy, the visitors' equaliser came out of the blue in the 33rd minute when striker Joe Boyle was given far too much space to curl home a shot beyond Higgs' grasp from the corner of the area.

The second half began with Bowditch, who put in a fine shift at left wing back in the 3-5-2 formation, fired narrowly over the bar.

But Lyme lacked the guile to break down a resolute defence and the game was drifting towards a draw when Seasiders' boss Robin Townsend brought on Sam Pollard-Jones to partner Herbst in attack and he had an early sighter but shanked his shot well wide.

With a possible red card looming large, Lock was withdrawn 15 minutes from time, and his replacement Lee Cleal thrown up top with Pollard-Jones dropping into the engine room.

And it was Cleal who gave Lyme the spark to eventually win the game with some forceful running and harrying which began opening up some gaps in the Alphas' back four.

Bowditch got on the end of a Pollard-Jones centre with a diving header but glanced his effort wide at full stretch.

Then Cleal fired a cross-shot just past the post and Ben Turner had a close range shot bravely blocked by Baker.

■ **FROM THE FRONT:** Skipper Dom Rowe netted Lyme's opener.

But the gloveman was powerless to prevent the winner. Two minutes from time Pollard-Jones rolled the ball back to fellow sub Rob Fellingham whose text-book cross found Turner who planted his header into the bottom corner for his first goal for the club.

Lyme had to win this to keep their promotion hopes alive in what is a very competitive division – Cullompton hammered third placed Lapford 8-1 – and they did. But better opponents will be more difficult to prise open unless The Seasiders can be more creative in the final third.

***Lyme Regis**: Chris Higgs, Sam Day (Rob Fellingham 61), Dom Rowe (Capt), Kingsley Wellman, Mark Bailey, Fred Parsons, Darren Lock (Lee Cleal 75), Cody Bowditch, Ben Turner, Chris Herbst, Brad Rowe (Sam Pollard-Jones 57).*

OTHER DIVISION ONE RESULTS;
Colyton 7 Bickleigh 1
Cullompton Rangers Res 8 Lapford 1
Perry Street 2 Exeter University Reserves 2
Sidmouth Town Res 8 Wellington Res 3

ELMORE RESERVES 1
LYME REGIS RESERVES 0
Division Five

LYME Reserves' manager Gerard Hitchock was left ruing the lack of a recognised striker as his side lost their six-game unbeaten record on the road.

"They [Elmore] had two out and out strikers but we were forced to use attacking midfielders."

The hosts shaded the first half but Julien Simier did have a couple of decent chances; scuffing a shot wide after bursting through and then shooting just over before being denied by the home keeper's feet.

But it was the Eagles, who have yet to concede a goal in five league games, who swooped for what was to prove to be the winning goal before half time when a lack of communication in the central midfield and a stray square pass allowed Lloyd White to shoot home past keeper Will Meech.

Lyme edged the second period – particularly in the last 25 minutes but couldn't find a way through.

The Seasiders remain three points clear at the top but the chasing pack is closing in.

Other Division Five results
Awliscombe Utd 1 Hemyock 4
Black Swan Town 10 Dunkeswell 0
Millwey Rise 5 Halwill Reserves 2
Offwell Rangers 0 Central FC 7
Westexe Park 6 Ilminster Town Res 2

DORSET LEAGUE
BROADSTONE 3 BEAMINSTER 2

BEAMINSTER failed to close the gap on the leading pack in the Senior Division when they went down 3-2 at Broadstone on Saturday.

The hosts led 2-0 before the Rainbows pulled one back but the teams exchanged further goals leaving Beaminster, with striker Tristan Gale and new face Dan Quirke on the scoresheet, with nothing to show for their trip.

The two teams meet again on Saturday in the reverse fixture.

SENIOR DIVISION SCORES;
Broadstone 3 Corfe Mullen Utd 2
Chickerell Utd 2 Corfe Castle 0
Cranborne 1 Westland Sports Reserves 0
Dorchester Sports Res 2 Wincanton Res 2
Witchampton Utd 3 Poole Borough 1

DIVISION ONE CUP - Semi Finals
HALSTOCK 3 WAYTOWN HOUNDS 5

"SIMPLY phenomenal!" was Waytown manager Joe Carter's assessment of his team's impressive victory over Halstock which earned his side a first ever appearance in the Division One Cup final.

The Hounds looked safe at 4-1 with all four scored by skipper Jon Legg with 20 minutes to go, but Halstock battled back to 4-3 10 minutes later only for Rob Watts to complete the scoring with a thunderous shot. Mark Cawley (2) and Lewis Bennis scored for Halstock.

■ **MATCH WINNERS:** Jon Legg scored four in Waytown's stunning victory.

Waytown will meet Farway United in the first ever final to be held at one of the league's outposts at Kingbury Episcopi on Saturday, December 30th (2pm).

Farway knocked out cup holders Forton Rangers thanks to 89th minute winners by Ollie Reed goal in heavy condition at Eastlee Park.

Forton boss Dave Ellis said: "The game shouldn't have been played, the pitch was awful."

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP – R2
MISTERTON RESERVES 3 UPLYME 1

THERE was a cup shock at Unity Lane where last year's runners-up Misterton Reserves of Division Two knocked out their Division One visitors Uplyme 3-1 after extra time.

Player-manager Joe Djeebet, Callum Preston and Ben Dickinson scored for Missy.

George Symonds scored for the Swallows who led 1-0 with 10 minutes of normal time remaining but couldn't hang on and were beaten in the extra half hour.

JACK VENN CUP QF
CHARMOUTH 2 CREWKERNE RANGERS 2
(aet, Crewkerne won 3-0 on pens)

THE game at Barrs Lane between hosts Charmouth and Crewkerne Rangers ended 2-2 after 120 minutes.

Rangers, whose goals came from Barry Hayne - his 300th - and Mike Traynor, came out on top in the penalty shoot out 3-0.

Earlier, Brin Seward had equalised for the Robins and defender Matt Tipping scored with the last kick of normal time to force extra time.

PREMIER DIVISION
NETHERBURY 2
WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK 6

NETHERBURY remain hovering just above the drop zone after a going down against a Chinnock side who are still unbeaten on their travels.

Ash Williams scored both for the Ambers who rued having a goal disallowed at 4-2 and were hit late on chasing the game.

Ian Cochran (2), Liam Bennett, Matt Harvey, Charlie Male and George Trott scored for the Chinns.

DIVISION THREE
LYME REGIS ROVERS 1
CREWKERNE RANGERS RESERVES 2

LYME Regis Rovers' promotion aspirations took another blow as they were made to pay for a lack of cutting edge up front and went down against a Crewkerne side who were second best for large parts of the afternoon.

Rangers took the lead in fortuitous circumstances when a shot from the left was going well wide before striking Tom Broome and looping into the net over keeper Jim Larcombe who had no chance.

Parity was restored two minutes after the interval when Jonny Day found the top bin from the corner of the area with a fine left footer for his second goal in as many games.

But the winner came as a long punt from the Rangers keeper came out of the setting sun and sub Jamie Manley nipped in as the Lyme back five squinted to poke the ball over the line.

FIXTURES – Saturday, December 2nd
(all 2pm unless stated)
DORSET JUNIOR CUP – last 16 (1.30pm)
Bridport 3rds v Waytown Hounds
AFC Blandford Reserves v Thorncombe
Charmouth v Pimperne Sports
Handley Sports v Halstock

CHALLENGE CUP R1
Shepton Beauchamp v Misterton

JACK VENN CUP QF
Forton Rangers Res v Winsham Utd Res

JOHN FOWLER CUP R1
Chard Rangers Reserves v Merriott Dyna
Crewk Rangers Res v Chard Utd All Stars

PREMIER
Combe St Nich Reserves v Merriott Rovers
Netherbury v Barrington
West & Middle Chinnock v South Petherton
Winsham Utd v Pymore
DIVISION ONE
Hawkchurch Utd v Uplyme
Perry Street Reserves v Chard Rangers
DIVISION TWO
Combe St Nicholas A v Dowlish & Donyatt
Kingsbury Episcopi v Chard Utd Reserves
South Petherton Res v Crewkerne Rangers
DIVISION THREE
Donyatt Utd v Netherbury Reserves
Ilminster Town A v Thorncombe Reserves
Lyme Regis Rovers v Farway Utd Reserves

Local quartet hook up

■ **TIGHT LINES: FOUR local angling clubs recently came together to fish the annual Lyme Bay Trophy Shore Competition with 15 members from Axe Valley, five members from Lyme, five from West Bay and four from Beer signed on to fish. The competition was held in Lyme Regis with fishing from 6pm-11pm. The format was catch and release with a maximum of five of each species. It was great to see some nice Pollack caught from around the harbour, but apart from a Bass of 4lb caught by Bryn Thomas, it was Dogfish and Pout that make up the rest of the scores. With the top eight cards from each club to count, scores were: Axe Valley 122pts, Lyme Regis 69, West Bay 65, Beer 28. So holders Axe Valley retained the trophy and will be the hosts by Axe Valley next year – details to be confirmed.**

Read Howard Larcombe's Perry Street League Review in the Independent

Lyme skittles

RESULTS (W/e: November 25th)

Ladies Pairs - The following are through to the next round: D Rickard & J West; I Pratt & M Pratt; J Wyatt & A Gillings; J White & L Taylor; K Aldworth & S Yeatman; A Crockford & M Fowler; E Blackmore & T Holmes; S Larcombe & Sarah Churchill; K Quick & Sam Churchill.

Men's Pairs - The following are through to the next round: J Sims & B Rattenbury; C Kapur & T Eaton; V Foxwell & A Cross; S Shaw & G Kent; D Welsh & A Churchill; P Liston & P Rattenbury; K Bearpark & J Rickard; P Bright & R Chappel; A Studley & P Bearpark; P Grinter & L Dare; D Currell & J Bennett; R Beviss & G Gibbs; G Williams & D Savage; N Bearpark & S Beal; M Symonds & C Barnes; R Bovill & S Smith.

Mens' Div One	Pld	Pts	BL
No Hopers	5	10	4
Flyers	6	8	8
Wreckers	6	7	4
Young Guns	5	6	6
Roadrunners	4	5	2
Marksmen	5	4	8
Clueless	5	2	6
Trappers	5	2	4
Miscellaneous	3	0	2

Mens' Div Two	Pld	Pts	BL
Alleytwits	5	8	8
Anthill Mob	5	8	2
British Legion	5	6	10
Rousdon Rebels	5	6	4
President's Men	5	2	4
Tornadoes	5	2	4
Shakers	4	2	2

Ladies	Pld	Pts	BL
Hot Gossips	4	7	3
La Crème	4	5	6
Rollercoasters	4	4	4
Wootoon Wobb	3	4	4
Smashers	3	2	4
Generations	3	2	0
Skittso's	3	0	3

Snooker

Dorchester & Dist

LATEST results; WDC Team Shaky 4 WDC YYMFDT 3, WDC Whipping Boys 1 Colliton Hopefuls 6, Colliton Hopefuls 3 West Dorset Club A 4, Trinity Express 4 Purbeck Potters 3.

Top breaks: E Wellman 38; G Bartlett 33.

Top break of the season: Evan Wellman (WD Club A) 54.

Rearranged league matches; West Dorset Club A v Trinity M (Monday, Dec 11th), WDC YYMFDT v Trinity M (Thursday, Jan 11th).

Team Open KO Cup remaining Round two fixtures; Colliton Hopefuls v West Dorset Club A (tonight, Wednesday), Purbeck Potters v WDC Whipping Boys (tomorrow).

Table week 8	Pld	Pts
Trinity Express	7	31
WDC Team Shaky	7	28
Colliton Hopefuls	7	27
Colliton XQ2017	8	27
Trinity M	5	24
WDC YYMFCDT	6	23
West Dorset Club A	5	22
Purbeck Potters	6	20
WDC Whipping Boys	7	11

West Dorset Hockey

Hawks fight off boosted Tavistock

West Dorset Hawks 3
Tavistock A 2
Southern 2

WEST Dorset Hawks, on a decent run of form, were perhaps looking forward to a slightly easier game against promoted Tavistock A who lie bottom with just one point all season, especially with a strong team including the returning short corner specialist Dan Wyatt and Simon Wakely on the wing deputising for Matt Stone.

With their first team not having a game, the visitors boosted their squad by including three or four who play two leagues higher.

Right from the start the hosts found themselves under pressure and were caught cold when Tavistock scored with a powerful drag-flicked ball into the top corner which keeper Jim Bowditch got his stick to.

Hawks equalised when Rick Steele found Wakely on the right wing and he sent a 50-yard pinpoint pass down the line cutting out three Tavi players to Alex Davies whose shot was saved but Russell Coombes pounced to fire the rebound home.

However, the visitors went ahead again when a quickly taken free kick as the Hawks were resetting the defence.

Hawks came out in the second half determined to get even.

Their efforts were rewarded when Davies intercepted a loose ball and cut along the byline to set up Wyatt whose shot was parried by the keeper, only for Coombes once again to pick up the pieces to finish well.

West Dorset won the day with another well worked goal when Julian May's 40-yard diagonal ariel pass found Richard Puzey who burst into the D and let rip with a fierce shot. Once again the Tavi keeper produced a stunning save, but once again Coombes was on-hand to complete his hat trick.

Umpires: Gavin Brooking and Mike May.

Southern 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Sidmouth & Ottery	9	24	25
PGSOB A	9	27	21
Bude	9	17	16
OPM	9	-7	14
Camborne SoM	9	5	12*
Plymouth Uni A	9	2	12*
Caradon	9	0	12
WEST DORSET	9	-10	12
Isca C	9	4	11
Plymouth Marjon C	9	-9	10
Sidmouth & Ottery A	9	-25	3
Tavistock A	9	-28	1

Hawks stung by Hornets

ECV Hornets 4
West Dorset A 2

HAWKS travelled to Exeter looking for a result against a team in the promotion hunt.

The hosts were just about the better team, and the final 4-2 score line reflects the balance of play. But the Hawks were frustrated with the goals conceded, as the hosts took a 4-0 lead.

The first two came early as a result of poor marking and an unmarked player turned the ball in at the far post.

The hosts third came from a well drilled short corner shot that squeezed past the defender on the post, whilst the fourth, early in the second half, from a brilliant ball played into the D which was well controlled and finished well.

A change of formation at half time shifted the balance, and the Hawks were rewarded with two goals in the last 15 minutes with veterans John Kellas and Rick Dormer bagging one each.

***Team**: Alex Drew, Sam Dormer, Bruce Maltby, Lee Connolly, Henry Middleton, Will Tewson, Rick Dormer, Dave Tewson, Rich Wilson, Jack Dormer, John Kellas.*

South East 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Chard A	9	20	22
ECV Hornets B	9	20	20
Taunton CS A	9	15	19
Chard B	9	8	19
East Devon C	9	23	18
Bridgwater C	9	16	16
Sidmouth & Ottery B	9	2	13
WEST DORSET A	9	-8	10
Minehead A	9	-27	7
Taunton Vale D	9	-10	6
Sidmouth & Ottery C	9	-36	4
Yeovil & Sherborne B	9	-23	3

Tee-off - golf news

Di trots to win with three pointer spree

LYME REGIS *with Richard Jackman*

THE NOVEMBER STABLEFORD produced some good scores.

In Division One Brian Rees with his one over gross par score scored 21 points on the back nine to win with 40 points.

A point behind was single figure handicapper Jim Allan with two steady nines. In third place after a blistering back nine was Roger Seed with 38.

In Division Two Alan Brown had a slightly up and down round but ended on a big up as he birdied the last to cap a wonderful back nine and finish the leader on 40 points.

Mark Colley in second had a strong front nine in his 38, while Nic Snape had a similar tale in his 36 finishing third.

The LADIES TURKEY TROT was played in challenging conditions after Wednesday's rain but produced some very creditable results.

In Division One, Di Smith showed the way, mastering the conditions well especially on the front nine scoring five three pointers in forging her way to a winning score of 34 points with Jenny Scott 2nd on 31 after a good start, two better than Kim Beauchamp who finished 3rd.

Division Two belonged to Sarah Kilcoyne who, as a newcomer to golf confirmed her potential by coming in with 34, the equal best score of the day, with two consistent halves.

Debbie Shinners finished second on 27, while a vintage performance from Sheila Claringbold gave her third spot.

CHARMINSTER *with Adrian Short*

THREE competitions took place at Charminster Golf Club during November beginning with the WEDNESDAY MEDAL.

Duncan Fergusson was the winner in Division One with 85/16/69. Peter Churchill was second with his lowest gross round of 82/12/70. John Thompson was third with 92/18/74.

Phil Spray was the winner in Division Two with his lowest gross round of 92/20/72. Barry Rutherford secured second place after countback with 96/21/75. Adrian Short was third with 97/22/75.

The SUNDAY MEDAL was won by Steve Bailey with 85/12/73.

This was after countback which placed Mark Boggust in second with his lowest gross round of 83/10/73. Brian Drammis was third with 86/12/74.

The third event was the WEDNESDAY TEXAS SCRAMBLE where the team of Roger Ingram, Terry Drudge & Rob Rolls were the winners with a nett round of 65.

BRIDPORT *with Peter Crowter*

THE Men's Sunday competition was a three-man Team Texas Scramble off a shotgun start, at least four drives to be used off each player, one sixth of combined handicap.

It was a cold morning with little or no wind and 16 teams took the field. The clear winners were father and son Terry (24) & Ian Kearley (15) along with Steve Battrick (28) scoring 57.8.

In second place were Pat Hart (11), Lewis Craddock (7) & Doug Miners (13) with 60.8.

Third, after count-back, were Gavin Gay (8), Chris Wren (25) & Rod Condliffe (20) with 61.2.

The veterans competition last Thursday was the second round of the Winter Shield.

Forty-four players took part in this Stableford on a morning when the stiff breeze made for tricky conditions.

Raymond Southcombe's (15) par score of 36 won Division One and was the best overall score of the day. Peter Marshall (10) came second with 34 and third, after count-back, was Brian Fearon (13) with 33.

The best score in Division Two was 33 carded by Larwence Turner (21). Runner-up was Bob Dennis (21) with 31 while Graham Topp (23) was third with 29.

Ladies' Section *by Lyn Jessop*

LAST week's competition had a good turnout with 14 teams of three competing in the Yellow Ball event.

The winners, who played on Saturday, were Liz Walker, Carol Hedley & Avril Brown with 99 points.

Nicky Stone, Pauline Mackie & Jane Dowling, playing on Tuesday, were second with 88 narrowly beating Sandra March, Di Stothard & Pat Baldwin by one point.

Juniors show seniors how it's done!

IT was very cold Saturday morning when the annual fishing match between the Juniors and Seniors of West Bay Sea Angling Club which took place on East Pier, West Bay.

The tide was coming in and all anglers landed fish.

Legal sized Shore Rockling were the favourite but Whiting, Pout, Shanny and Bass were also caught, all of which were weighed and immediately returned alive to the sea.

Results: 1st Eden Lynham 1037g (Junior), 2nd Craig Horton 353g (Senior), 3rd Aaron Chambers 188g (Junior).

◆ **NICE ONE SON:** Junior Sectary Paul Lynham presents the Trophy to the winner, his son Eden Lynham, watched by other members of the West Bay Angling Club who took part.

Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures w/c Monday, December 4th

Ladies Threes
(R1 – No byes).

Tuesday, Dec 5th
Clock - Alleycats; Brandy Snaps; Yondover Three; Junior Talent.

Wednesday, Dec 6th
Woodman - Barb's Girls; Nuts & Raisons; The Trio; Middle Talent.

Men's Nomination Individuals
(R1 - No byes - four winners each alley).

Tuesday, Dec 5th
Bradpole Club - B Chapple; L Dare; A Frampton; D Wyatt; H Mills; D Cooper; N Pye; S Pitcher; A Cauldwell.

Wednesday, Dec 6th
Lord Nelson - S Lee; N Lee; C Willcox; M Hooper; N Briant; R Coombes; I Pincombe; R Pincombe; M Horton.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	6	10
Broadoak	6	8
Masters	6	8
Miss the Ball	5	6
Nelson Nobblers	5	6
Rejects	6	6
Shipfaced	3	6
Slingers	6	5
Rough Eight	5	4
The Dingles	6	3
Denhay	6	2
Rockets	6	2

Division B	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	4	8
Originals	5	8
U Know the Blokes	6	8
Gerryatrics	6	6
Lively Lads	5	6
Survivors	5	6
Bangers	3	4
Dingbats	6	4
Lost in Time	4	4
Outsiders	6	2
Pioneers	6	0

Division C	Pld	Pts
Aussies Lot	5	10
Castouts	5	8
Strawpeedos	5	8
Stingers	5	6
LHS	5	4
NBC	5	4
Whisky Chasers	4	4
Alcoholics	5	2
Unknowns	6	2
Wickers	5	2

Division D	Pld	Pts
BFC	5	10
Brandy Snaps	6	8
Featherbeds	6	8
Firebirds	4	6
Let em Roll	4	6
Alleycats	5	2
Groundhogs	3	2
Hidden Talent	4	2
Yo Yo's	4	2
Pinbashers	5	0

Lyme Regis Pool

Current table	Pld	Pts
Dyer Dallical	4	9
Pot Nots	3	9
Real Talbot	4	6
RNJI+One	3	6
Bye bye Nev	3	6
Nags Head Trott	4	3
The Collective	3	3
Drunken Sailors	4	0

Lyme Regis Darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	6	12
Nags Z	6	11
Hunters Lodge	6	6
Royal Standard	6	6
Half an Octopus	5	3
Talbot Arms	4	2
Four Play	5	2
Sticky Bandits	6	2

180s: R.Haines and D.Herbert x2, T.Howard, C.Simpson R.Cross, and J.Souter-Phillips all x1.

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Darts

BRIDPORT

Division One	Pld	Pts
Hands of Time	8	14
Rob's Robbers	7	13
Nomads	8	12
BSC	7	12
Well Hung Clocks	8	11
4 Drunks & A Driver	8	9
Respect-de-Bull	9	7
Five Sticky Fingers	9	6
Nags Head A	8	6
One for the Vikings	9	5
Young Darters	8	3
Les Miserables	9	0

180s; L.Cox & S.Harvey 4, M.Barnett, G.Knight, J.Vickery & A.Parker all x3, 10 players x2.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Elders	9	18
Rubber Johns	9	16
Odds or Us	9	15
Dart Vaders	9	10
Poachers	9	9
Mis Fits	9	9
No Direction	9	8
Otter Rotters	9	7
The Surgeons	9	7
Anchor Five	9	5
No Chance	8	1
Wicked Team Name	8	1

180s; C.Higgs x4, F.Jones x3, D.Sorrell x2, P.Moye, S.Adams, R.Moye, & T.Symonds all x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Vale Viewers	8	13
Whamo	8	12
Stumpies Stallions	9	12
Dat Team	8	11
Midnight Runners	8	9
Time Bombs	7	9
The Shoplifters	8	7
On me Tab	8	5
Odds & Sods	8	4
Dodgers	7	3
Ben's Followers	7	1

180s; P.Gumbrill, C.Eaton & T.Stickley all x 1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Arrows Awry	9	17
Anchor Aces	9	17
Queens Bees	9	17
Queenies OTC	9	12
Castaways	9	12
Sue's Rebels	9	9
Diamonds ITR	10	8
Against the Odds	9	8
Lil's Hopefuls	10	7
Charlie's Angels	9	4
Good Mates	10	4
Tiger Stripes	9	3
Double Trouble	9	2

Most wins; Janet Collins x9, seven players x8.

Boxing

Huge crowd enjoys boxing bonanza

ONE of the biggest audiences for some years packed into Freshwater Holiday Park on Saturday for Bridport Boxing Club's annual tournament *writes Stuart Broom*.

Fourteen bouts featuring boxers from as far afield as Coventry, Camborne, Portsmouth and Truro, as well as Bridport, Weymouth and Sturminster Newton produced an exciting evening's entertainment that had the crowd on their feet.

Four Bridport boxers took part, with Blake Davies making his debut against another having first timer Brandon Cody from Paignton who won with by a unanimous verdict.

Shane Webb, also in his first fight, found Exeter's Connor Cudmore too strong, the ref stopping the fight towards the end of the third round.

Two other debutant's, Bridport's Ben Pascoe and Ewan Dumbar (Camborne), produced a good fight, with Pascoe taking the spoils with a unanimous verdict.

The bout of the night featured Bridport's Spike Armstrong, and Weymouth's Ollie Carr. This was a cracking contest with both boxers showing good skills, but in the end Armstrong won all the judges votes, and also the Brian Richards Memorial Belt for the best Bridport boxer of the year, which was presented by the club's joint founder and head coach Alan Slaney.

Both Sturminster Newton boxers Alfie Hunter-Inglis and Toby Freeman-Read both found their opponents Jack Owen and Ellis Magson, both from Paignton, too good on the night.

Coach Slaney thanked the sponsors, Freshwater and the crowd for their wonderful support.

He explained that it was 36 years to the day that the club ran the first tournament which took place at the old Colfox School, and he hoped that with the same support they could continue.

He told the audience: "You're keeping us alive!"

The show was excellently compered by Grant Northover, with Ken Brain from Frome sharing the refereeing duties with Slaney.

Slaney did also make a plea for extra committee members to help particularly on fight nights: "There are a few people that are retiring after many years' of great service, and it would be nice if we could find some replacements. Anyone interested can ring Alan on 01308425108.

◆ **PACKED HOUSE:** Boxing fans saw 14 bouts at Freshwater Park on Saturday evening, (above) Bridport's Shane Webb (blue) in action against Exeter's Connor Cudmore. *Photo by STUART BROOM*

Results: Nelson Rodgers (Waterside) lost to Neddy Connors (Willenhall) unan pts (minor); Martin Doran (Ferndown) bt Josh Williams (Willenhall) unan pts (minor); Jack Owen (Paignton) beat Alfie Hunter-Inglis (Sturminster Newton) unan pts; Jack Kelly (Ferndown) bt Dan Heather (Camborne/Redruth) unan pts; Toby Fleming-Read (Sturminster Newton) lost to Ellis Magson (Paignton) unan pts; Macauley Mc Loughlin (Waterside) bt Ollie Bennett (Ferndown) maj pts; George Taunton (Poole) lost to Mason Furlong (Willenhall) maj pts; Brandon Cody (Paignton) bt Blake Davies (Bridport) unan pts; Ollie Carr (Weymouth) lost to Spike Armstrong (Bridport) unan pts; Jamie Dennis (Poole) bt Ryan Wells (Camborne/ Redruth) maj pts; Ewan Dunbar (Camborne/Redruth) lost to Ben Pascoe (Bridport) unan pts; Connor Cudmore (Exeter) bt Shane Webb (Bridport) rsf 3rd;

Sofian Houri (Bournemouth) lost to Shaun Casey (Exeter) maj pts; Dwayne Horrel (Truro) lost to Tex Ogunsele (Heart of Portsmouth)

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Bowls

Another max for Ladies A

BRIDPORT Indoor Bowls Club's Ladies A team are in formidable form in County League One.

They destroyed bottom side EAST DORSET A in their latest match taking all eight points in a 49-27 victory in Christchurch.

Pamela Daters, Gill Hunt, Sue Walsh & Annie Legg opened up with a 31-12 win, whilst Lyn Craddock, Sheila Nicoll, Laura Taylor & Margaret Clapp finished 18-15 up.

Meanwhile, Bridport B could only pick up two Division Two points at home to DORSET RESORT. Tracey Marley, Joan Griffiths, Barbara Jenkins & Jenny Harding won 17-14.

However, Sandra Hargett, Liz Walker, Millie Meech & Janet Tattershall dropped two five counts in a 14-23 loss, giving Dorset Resort the four extra points for the overall win.

Bridport A took full points in the County Over 60s League with a 45-26 win at home to bottom side DORSET RESORT to keep themselves tucked in behind leaders Dolphin.

Barry Mapson, Mel Hargett & Mike Fletcher won 25-11 whilst Phil Hedges, Paul Hallett & Keith Jenkins triumphed 20-15.

Bridport went down 150-103 in their six-rink Mixed Friendly at MOONFLEET.

The two winners were Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Bill D Jones & Mel Hargett who finished 27-11, and Sandra Hargett, Peter Carnell, Dave Aylott & Brian Rumble who dropped a five count on the penultimate end to trail 18-19 but replied with a two count to win 20-19.

Meanwhile Bernard Perry, Erica Sarson, Robin Pither & Phil Hedges shot into

a 10-1 lead but needed a two count on their final end to draw 21-21.

Bridport FC

WITH STUART BROOM

Annetts: It's time for a change...

Bridport Reserves 2
Hamworthy United Reserves 6
Dorset Premier Division

IT appeared as though Bridport Reserves were in with a chance of getting something from this game as they fought back twice to equalise midway through the first half.

However, their inability to take their chances, whilst being unable to prevent conceding at the other end, remains a problem, and has forced manager Shaun Annetts to make changes.

He told *View Sport*: "Going forward we look exciting and we create chances against any team, but we are far too open and as soon as it breaks down teams have a go at us and we look vulnerable, and once again individual mistakes cost us dearly on three of the goals.

"Clearly I cannot allow that to continue, and I'm going to have to bring in new players or think about the formation, or both. We look a good side with the ball and look awful without it."

Riley Weedon missed with a free header inside five minutes and Finn Cooper had a good opportunity moments before Hamworthy scored.

A wonderful right foot strike from Sam Handyside levelled the score and, after falling behind again, the Bees equalised for a second time when Alfie Ward followed up to score after the keeper had parried Dan Baggs' free kick.

However, Bridport conceded twice more before the break and, despite creating chances in the second half, they failed to capitalise and the visitors added two more goals to register a comfortable win.

The Bees, now 13th, travel to face seventh placed Westland Sports on Saturday.

Bridport RFC

Defeat double for young Blues

Weymouth U12 4 Bridport 4

BRIDPORT were looking to build on their success at Lychett last week and came close to causing an upset at Weymouth on Sunday.

Starting slowly they gifted their hosts three soft tries before Barney Johnson reduced the arrears with a strong run to the try-line.

Weymouth got one back before half-time but most of the second half belonged to Bridport.

Playing the best rugby of their season Bradley Lewis, Johnson and Daniel James all ran in tries to level the scores and set up a tense finale.

But, with a bigger squad, Weymouth were able to call on fresh legs and a tiring Bridport conceded three quick tries to leave the final score at 7-4.

Despite the defeat this was a very encouraging performance from the Blues who entertain Wimborne next Sunday.

Player of the Day was Barney Johnson and Tackler of the Week was Mally Titcombe-James.

Weymouth U14 29
Bridport 17

WITH Captain Tom Craven and Centre Oliver Hansford-Harvey absent training with the County squad, and Weymouth fielding a full strength team, this was always going to be a difficult game for Bridport.

Playing uphill they scored first when Will Newton's pace left the opposition standing, but failure to tackle let in Weymouth to make the half time score 5-15.

Bridport again opened the scoring after the interval with prop Peter Mullaney powering over, and at 12-15 spectators sensed a comeback.

But again failure to tackle fast runners gave Weymouth a try.

The Blues' MoM Toby Pattemore, drove over to make the score 17-22, but yet another Weymouth runaway try sealed the game at 17-29. Next up for Bridport is a trip to face Gillingham.

◆ The Bridport seniors failed to raise a team for the Dorset & Wilts Division One match at Oakmedians

Colfox boys through to national final

COLFOX Junior Boys won through to national final of the English Schools Cross Country Cup after pipping Millfield for the third and final place in the Regional Final, the first time this age group has qualified in over 25 years.

The best cross country teams in the SW of England descended on Leweston School, Sherborne to fight it out with Colfox also represented in the Inter Boys group.

The Inter Boys were involved in the first race of the day. Fin Cauldwell finished 17th with Gus Johnson (20), Zakjohn Ousley (31), Harry Burwood (34), followed immediately by Mannie Wellman (35), and Jake Childs (39) which resulted in an eighth placed finish overall.

By the time of the third race involving the Junior Boys, the ground had really been churned up and was really challenging in many areas of the course.

Owen Pitcher finished a superb 7th, with Oakley Winters O'Brien 11th, and Oliver Forsee 12th. Oliver Jones was 27th, Bailey Huxter 42nd and Sam Devecsery 54th.

This was enough to claim third place overall, just four points ahead of Millfield, and book them a place in the National Final to be held at Sevenoaks.

◆ **NATIONAL STATUS:** Owen Pitcher who finished a superb seventh to lead Colfox Junior Boys to the National Finals

Bridport Crib

George hit top

	Pld	Pts	BL
George WB	8	66	7
Ilchester	8	62	13
Anchor	7	58	11
Crown A	7	55	11
Nelson	7	53	16
Oddfellows	7	50	11
Crown B	2	14	5
Durbeyfield	5	35	5
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INSIDE: Boxing Club's annual tournament

Fricker impressed with team ethic

Odd Down 2 Bridport 3
Toolstation Premier Division - att; 33

DESPITE three late withdrawals causing a hasty rearrangement at Odd Down on Saturday, Bridport manager Adam Fricker was impressed with the team ethic and felt the win was one of the most pleasing performances of the season so far.

With Braedon Symes and Leigh Bailey both unavailable, the loss of Louis Rutter, Alan Hill and Leighton Thomas meant that Fricker had to ask a number of players to play in unfamiliar roles; a task which they rose to; even Thomas, who despite feeling ill, took his place on the bench.

The Bees boss told ***View Sport***: "On paper the actual team was a very good one, it was just that we were asking players to perform in unfamiliar positions, but they were excellent.

"For me personally it was probably the most pleasing performance of the season because I think it just showed that

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the boys are prepared to work for each other and do what they need to do.

"They worked really hard to adapt and, once settled, played really well in the first half and continued that into the second half as well.

Bridport took the lead on 15 minutes; some great work by Tom Richardson who fed Ed Butcher, playing in the unfamiliar wing back position.

He raced down the left before crossing to Mark Salter got in front of his marker to turn it home, a lead the Bees took in at half-time.

They continued to dominate after the break and deservedly went further in front just after the hour, with some nifty footwork from Dec Cornish whose quick feet saw him make room for himself before he buried an excellent shot across the keeper.

Salter's experience set-up Richard Hebditch for Bridport's third on 68 minutes. His run down the left drew the centre-backs before he found Hebditch who fired home from the edge of the penalty area.

However, Down made two changes and soon pulled a goal back when James Dunn was on hand to turn the cross home.

John Vance and Richardson showed their experience in midfield by settling their teammates and killing the game as they looked to shore up Bridport's lead,.

But, in the dying minutes, keeper Jason Hutchings was caught out by a through ball that didn't carry to him and he brought down Kye Simpson inside the box.

He was probably lucky to only get a yellow card, Simpson rammed home the penalty, but Bridport deservedly held on to win.

■ **CRACKING CONTEST:** Bridport's Spike Armstrong (blue) and Ollie Carr (Weymouth) was the top bout at Bridport's Boxing Club's annual tournament at Freshwater on Saturday - *see inside.*
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